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Howard wins fight to fly flag on ID cards

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Union Jack will appear on the new national identity card to be announced today, ending a fierce Cabinet battle over which emblems should be used.

Michael Howard has persuaded ministers that the Union Jack must be used after Tory Euro-sceptic MPs crotested at plans to include the European Union flag on the card. The Home Secretary will today announce a formula that will ensure

the British flag appears on all three cards which are to be unveiled.

☐ The voluntary plastic identity card will display the Union Jack and the Royal Crest, which is already used on passports.

☐ The new driving licence will hear both the Union Jack and the European Union flag — 12 gold stars un a blue background essential for the card to be valid across the continent

☐ A combined ID and driving licence with the Union Jack, the EÜ flag, and the Royal Crest.

had been threatened with delay after Northern Ireland ministers opposed Mr Howard's demand for the inclusion of the Union Jack. There were lears that this could upset nationalists in Northern Ireland. However, under a compromise package, Northern Ireland will be unaffected by the move until

Under the formula, people in Northern Ireland can continue using their existing paper driving licence and plain ID photocard until

apply for either the new ID card or combined ID and driving licence both bearing the Union Jack - will be free to do so. What happens in 2001 is unclear. That bridge will be crossed when we get there." a

Whitehall source said. Mr Howard is likely to put legislation for the new card before Parliament this autumn, Although the driving licence, set to come into force in the New Year, will be compulsory, the 1D card will be voluntary. However, ministers hope most people will combine the two for the sake of simplicity.

The 1D card will also serve as a travel document throughout the EU, it will be issued by the DVLA and priced at between £10 and £15 in an attempt to increase its appeal to the public. A passport currently

Whitehall officials said the Prime Minister had been kept fully informed but had not intervened at any time. "He hasn't needed to," one

source said. The deal was hammered out between the Home Office, the Northern Ireland Office, and the Transport Department over the last week and all sides are said to be content with the formula.

However, Tory rightwingers said Mr Howard had not gone far enough. John Redwood, the former Tory leadership challenger, said: "I think it is absurd having the 12 stars on any card. I certainly don't myself intend to have an ID card or driving licence with the EU flag on it. It is not the British way to have flags on



"We've got to go back. I've left one of my ID cards behind"

British

hostage

is freed By Staff Reporters A BRITISH aid worker being held hostage in Chechenia has been released, the Foreign Office said last night.

Michael Penrose, 23, and a French colleague Frederic Malardeau, 35, were selzed by gunmen in Grozny, the capital of the breakaway Russian republic, 26 days ago. Mr Penrose's father David said from his home in Swerford, Oxfordshire, last

night: "All we know is that

Michael and Fred are safe and

in the hands of the Interna-

tional Committee of the Red

Cross. Words cannot express our happiness. It is an incredi-ble relief."

The two hostages had been working for Action Against

The news of their release

came as Aleksandr Lebed.

Chechen rebel chief of staff

Aslan Maskhadov said that

they had agreed a ceasefire.

Lebed said that he would stop

the Russian army from carry-

ing out a threat to start

bombing Grozny, the Chechen

capital, this morning. Thou-

sands of people have been fleeing the city. Lebed told reporters after meeting

Maskhadov that the Russian

army commander's ultima-

tum to bomb Grozny was "a

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bad joke".

De Klerk begs forgiveness for apartheid

IN A powerful gesture of reconciliation, South Africa's last white President yesterday publicly repented for the suffering apartheid inflicted on millions of people over nearly

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We have gone on our knees before God Almighty to pray for His forgiveness which, in the final analysis, is more important than anything else," F.W. de Klerk, the National Party leader, told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Cape Town. But he refused to accept any personal blame for human rights abuses committed under white minority rule.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the commission chairman. seated at a table opposite, listened approvingly and later congratulated the former

Mr de Klerk, 60, dressed in a dark suit and accompanied by black and white colleagues. had arrived in the large hall in the Good Hope Centre to cries of "Viva de Klerk, viva!" from black supporters. He took a seat beneath a bannner reading "Truth - the road to reconciliation".

Yesterday was not the first time Mr de Klerk had apologised for apartheid but, on this platform, it was especially significant. Presenting the National Party's submission on the third day of a special four-day hearing of political parties, Mr de Klerk, President from 1989 to 1994. acknowledged that the National Party had made "many mistakes in the past" and was "genuinely repentant". He inisted, however, that neither he nor other National Party leaders had authorised human rights abuses against

opponents of apartheid. In dealing with the unconventional strategies from the side of the Government, I want to make it clear from the outset that, within my knowledge and experience, they never included the authorisation of assassination, murder, torture, rape, assault or

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De Klerk: "We have knelt before God"

the like," he said. "I have never been part of any decision taken by Cabinet, the State Security Council or any conunittee authorising or instructing the commission of such gross violations of human rights."

The commission, which began its hearings in April, is investigating human rights violations committed under apartheid between 1960 and 1993. After nationwide victims' hearings, the commission recently began amnesty hearings, beginning with prisoners, which open the way for people who make full disclosures to be absolved - so long as their crimes do not constitute gross violations of human rights. The theory is that, by confronting the past, the com-mission can help South Africans understand what happened and thereby push them along the road to reconciliation.

Flanked by black and white colleagues on the podium, Mr de Klerk conceded in a 30page submission that harsh steps taken to preserve white minority rule, including detention without trial, muzzling of the press and military force against protest, "created circumstances and an atmosphere which were condusive to many of the abuses and transgressions against Human Rights which form the basis of the commission's

present investigations."
Mr de Klerk said that, while he did not authorise abuses. he could neither control nor be aware of all that was done by lower-ranking officials who may have believed that National Party policy justified their actions, particularly in those operations conducted on a "need to know" basis.

Questioned by members of the panel on his submission. particularly on the question of Mr de Klerk brushed aside suggestions from Dr Alex Boraine, the commission's deputy chair-man, that it was disingenuous" to suggest that there was no link between political leaders and their functionaries. He would be surprised, he said, if National Party leaders were linked to human rights violations.

Although the submission shed no light on individual incidents and revealed little that was not already known, Archbishoo Tutu nevertheless warmly congratulated Mr de Klerk for what was widely seen as a cop out. What is more, the commission appeared defensive after earlier demands for detailed and preferably documented information on state national security, how torture became routine in the police force and the nature of the relationship between state death squads

and their political principals. About 20 ANC demonstrators picketed yesterday's hearing, but Mr de Klerk evaded them by entering through an underground garage. ANC supporters in the packed public gallery of about 400 people jeered when Mr de Klerk denied knowledge of a notorious hit-squad killing, but Archbishop Tutu admonished them to keep quiet or be

The ANC is due to present its view of the apartheid struggle on Thursday.

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Dr David Caldwell, of the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, with a wood carving from the Swan

Wrecked Cromwell ship found

AND ALAN HAMILTON

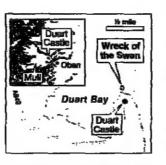
MARINE archaeologists who have discovered the wreck of a Cromwellian warship off the Isle of Mull believe it could prove as significant as the

Their most important discovery is the ship's "nerve centre" - the binnacle with its six-inch compass still intact. It will be taken to a laboratory at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh tomorrow for conservation work.

The ship, first identified four years ago when movement in seabed silt exposed part of its stern, is thought to be the 200-ton warship Swan, which sank in 1653 during an expedition to attack Duart Castle on Muli, where the Clan Muclean, sympathetic to the Royalist cause, was holding out against the Parliamenone of a fleet of six, is thought

to have foundered in a storm. Dr Colin Martin of St Andrews University archaeo-logical diving unit, leader of the project to study the wreck. said yesterday that recovery of the Swan's binnacle in an excellent state of preservation was the most exciting underwater discovery in Britain since Henry VIII's warship Mary Rose was found on the bed of the Solent.

"The binnacle was the nerve centre of the ship. This is the first one to be found in a shipwreck of this period in British waters," Dr Martin



said. *Parts are missing, but you can still see the three compartments which would have held a candle to light the compass at night, as well as other navigational instruments. It is easy to imagine the helmsman standing on deck at night, glancing down occasionally at the compass in the flickering light to check his course." Commander David Waters.

the former deputy director of largest islands of the Inner the National Maritime Museum. Greenwich, said the bin-Naval engagements were

nacle would originally have not a significant part of the held a compass, sand glasses Civil War in either England or to measure time, and the ship's log. They were rarely recovered, as they were often the first thing to be swept off Scotland, and shipwrecks from that period are rare. But Cromwell, having seized the navy from King Charles I. the deck when a ship went turned it into a successful down. The only other ancient fighting force which engaged binnacle to have been found n a prolonged series of battles with the Dutch. belonged to a 16th century whaling ship and was recov-

ered at Red Bay in Labrador. The Mull binnacle is an oblong wooden box open on the side that faced the helmsman. It is held together by wooden pins, as iron nails would have affected the compass. Dr Martin and his team of three divers from St Andrews have already recovered a number of other artefacts from the wreck, which lies in 42 ft of water just off one of the

A battle ship of Cromwell's successful navy, about 1650

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Weakest pupils get nought By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

SCHOOLS were accused yesterday of abandoning their weakest pupils by failing to enter them for public examinations, despite a seventh successive rise in GCSE pass

Results to be posted in schools and colleges today will show a rise of one percentage point in A-C grade passes, the equivalent of an old 'O' level. But total entries have failed to keep pace with a rise in the number of 16-year-olds. David Hart, the general

secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers. called for a government inquiry into the gap in entries. claiming that the pressure of league tables was discouragng schools from entering lowability candidates. More pupils are being shuffled about the system as schools concentrate on improving

their standing." John Sutton, the general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, admitted that schools were reluctant to enter

those who are least able, but blamed it on spending cuts. "Many simply do not have the money to spend on exam fees for pupils who plainly will not pass because they have not completed their coursework successfully.

However, the examination boards said it was too early to tell why the entries did not rise by more than I per cent when there were 3 per cent more 16year-olds in schools.

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How the Treasury's sums went for a song

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ANTIQUE buffs from all over tinctly lacklustre in comparithe world came to London in June for a spending spree and, in the process, distorted Britain's economic statistics. The City was confounded

yesterday by news that retail sales had fallen by 0.6 per cent between June and July. Statisticians said that as much as half of that fall could be traced to bumper sales of antiques at two major fairs in June which left July's figures looking dis-

since 1934, and the slightly less upmarket antiques show at Olympia.

Mystified Treasury officials examined the Lovejoy phenomenon yesterday and concluded that the two fairs had grossed £15 million.

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House Arts and Antiques Fair,

a feature of the London scene

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Chief constable joins civil liberties groups in questioning safety

Howard gives backing for police to carry CS spray

POLICE forces in England given the go-ahead by Michael Howard to use CS spray but one chief constable said that he would not deploy the spray because there was still concern about its safety.

Peter Sharpe, head of the Hertfordshire force, echoed the fears of civil liberty groups which said that the long-term health risks of the spray had not been fully determined.

Police will use CS spray, a temporary incapacitant causing streaming eyes and breathing difficulty, as a de-fence against violent attack. The Home Secretary said there was no evidence that it was unsafe despite the death of a man who was sprayed while in police custody.

Ibrahim Sey, 29, collapsed and died in March after police were called to his home in east London to deal with a domestic dispute. The death is being investigated by the Police Complaints Authority and an inquest will be held.

Relatives of Mr Sey yesterday demonstrated outside the Home Office in London. His cousin, Kura Njie, said: "How can trials of the gas be seen to have been successful when a man has died following its use? CS gas is poison; its use should be banned, not

CS spray was used 582 times during the six-month trial and



Sharpe: called for other sprays to be tested

hospital, none of whom sustained major injury. Doctors will continue to examine those sprayed for at least the next 12

Mr Howard said: "All the scientific evidence shows that CS presents no serious risk to human health. I am satisfied that this is a safe substance. There is no evidence that I have seen to justify the proposition that it was the use of CS spray which resulted in the unfortunate death of that

"Police officers do a difficult and often dangerous job on behalf of us all. They deserve the best available protection against the violence they sometimes face in their duties. CS is effective and safe and

police officers have of defending themselves." Mr Howard was backed by the Police Federation for England and

Mr Sharpe said he had not yet seen a report from the Association of Chief Police Officers recommending the use of CS spray after successful trials in 16 pilot areas. "It is not my intention to make an immediate decision on the use of CS spray until I have been fully able to assess its contents," he said.

Mr Sharpe said that he still had concerns about the safety of CS and called for other sprays, such as OC or pepper spray, to be tested. "I am anxious that we should not abandon the use of the best incapacitant spray available in preference for one we

happen to have trialled." Surrey Police also said that it would look at other forms of spray before considering whether to use the CS spray. The hand-held canister, in which the white crystalline powder is dissolved in a solvent, has an effective range of Sft to 14ft. Victims suffer from streaming eyes and nose, eyelid spasms, strong saliva-tion, breathing difficulties, skin blistering and burning of

the nose and throat. The spray will join the radio and baton as a regular part of police equipment in forces who choose to join the scheme. It is popular among policemen and women. While many officers are against carrying



Michael Howard yesterday, announcing his approval for the CS spray

weapons, they believe that the spray will go some way to reducing their vulnerability on Britain's increasingly dangerous streets.

Tony Burden, chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' self-defence committee, said the spray had been effective on 90 per cent of the occasions when it was used. An interim report on the trials suggested the sprays had resulted in a 6.8 per cent drop in serious assaults on officers.

This was challenged by John Wadham, director of the civil rights group Liberty. He said: "We have not established the long-term effects of the use of the CS spray. We know that police officers have abused CS gas spray in breach of the guidelines and the evidence doesn't even suggest that it has reduced assaults on police

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Fishing fleet loses 167 boats in latest cuts

A total of 167 fishermen have accepted an average of £76,650 each to scrap their boats in the fourth annual round of a five-year government programme to reduce the size of the

Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, said the cut would bring Britain close to the reduced tonnage target it is required to reach by the end of this year under European Union guidelines aimed at conserving fish. According to Brussels, the British fleet currently amounts to more than 240,000 tonnes and should be reduced to some 209,000 tonnes by the end of this year, a further cut of nearly 15 per. cent. But the Government disputes the EU's method of calculating the figures.

London authority urged

One of John Major's former ministers broke ranks yesterday by calling for London to have its own elected authority with a £40 million-a-year budget. Steven Norris, who stepped down last month from his post as Transport Minister, said he favoured a chief executive, elected by voters from all 33 London boroughs every five years, with a salary of £120,000.

Barred from every pub

An habitual drunk, Roy Simpson, has been banned by a court from trying to buy alcohol in any pub or liquor store anywhere in the country. The ban, by magistrates at Stafford under a little used 1902 Act, came after his 19th arrest in the last few months for being drunk. Simpson, 37, of Stafford, said: "I need some sort of help. I don't mean to offend anyone. I don't know what I'm doing half the time."

Festival records

The 50th Edinburgh Festival has broken all box-office records with ten days still to go. Ticket sales passed £2 million for the first time yesterday and organisers of the Fringe announced that its box office had reached £1 million five days earlier than last year. Sales for the Drambuie Edinburgh Film Festival, which runs until August 25, have already passed £100,000 and are 12 per cent up on last year.

Woman dies aged 109

Jane Cross, a former missionary thought to be Scotland's oldest woman, died yesterday at the age of 109, the Church of Scotland said. She died "peacefully" in a church home at Helensburgh, Strathelyde, Miss Cross trained as a nurse and in the First World War tended recuperating wounded soldiers. She became a missionary midwife in Malawi where a school she helped to build is named after her.

Benidorm Briton killed

A Briton from a circus family was stabbed to death yesterday in the Spanish coastal resort of Benidorm. Jan Yuri Slivinski, 35, was stabbed by intruders in the early hours. His grandmother. Eva Slivinski, 72, was also stabbed in the attack that police believe happened during a break-in at her home. Mrs Slivinski, the matriarch of the Tovarich circus troupe, was,born in Scotland.

Survivor visits Titanic

The oldest survivor of the Titanic disaster set out yesterday for the site where the luxury liner sank in 1912 with the loss of more than 1,500 lives. Edith Haisman, 99, who lives in a ship bound for the mid-Atlantic from New York. She will lay a wreath in the ocean for her father, who drowned when the ship hit an iceberg.

Perfumed bus stop

Next time you notice a funny smell at the bus stop, it may not be a fellow passenger. Today Del Monte uncorks Britain's first smelly bas stop. The shelter, opposite Selfridge's in London, will release the scent of a new fruit drink whenever a passenger enters. In yesterday's tests it had to compete with traffic fumes. "I can't smell anything," one man said. "I'm trying not to breathe."

Postal peace in prospect but rail strikes loom

By Jonathan Prynn and George Sivell

RAIL travellers are facing the most chaotic August holiday weekend in years, with train and London Underground services disrupted by

The threatened walk outs, scheduled for tomorrow and Tuesday, will services throughout Britain from Scotland to the south west. About a third of Underground services will

also be affected. Union leaders will meet London Transport negotiators today in a in a final effort to avert the strikes.

But there was some brighter industrial news yesterday as both sides in the postal dispute appeared ready to resume talks at the concilliation service Acas, although today's one-day stoppage - the sixth in the present impasse - will go ahead. The Communication Workers Union indicated in a letter to the Royal Mail that teamworking, or changes in working practices, could be back on the agenda. The Union said "all the issues between us can be

fully discussed at Acas. Richard Dykes, the Royal Mail means that the CWU is now willing to discuss teamworking in a constructive spirit, then this is clearly a very positive development and we

should arrange to meet again." Earlier yesterday John Roberts, the Post Office chief executive, said that job security and future investment was at risk if the Government were to suspend the Royal Mail's monopoly on delivering letters for three

The monopoly has been lifted for this month because of the strikes and ministers are considering an exten-

sion, which could lead to a significant loss of business for the Post Office. Mr Roberts said: "The prospect of a three-month suspension means that everyone who works in the Post Office businesses is looking down the

barrel of a gun. A three-month

en jobs because competitors will target our business." Parcelforce and Post Office Counters, which are not involved in the dispute, would be hit by the longer suspension. Mr Roberts warned, adding: "If there is a three-month suspension, we will be entering uncharted territory. It is certain

detail at the sort of services they could offer, especially in the run-up to the busy pre-Christmas period." Earlier, drivers belonging to the Rail, Maritime and Transport union,

to spur rivals into looking in more



Dykes: ready for more talks

voted by four to one to reject a threeyear pay and working hours package from London Transport and resume industrial action. However, the threat of a full scale shutdown of the Underground network was averted

when Aslef, the train drivers' union which represents two thirds of Tube drivers, voted to end its dispute with London Transport. All lines will suffer some delays, with the Central. Picadilly and Northern worst affected. Bob Crow, the assistant general secretary of the RMT, said: This is a clear mandate to maintain action nent is reached my members consider to be fair."

There will also be delays and cancellations of many rail services around Britain on the same days as RMT conductors, ticket examiners and catering staff working for seven

train companies go on strike.

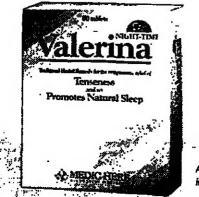
The worst affected areas will be the South West, Scotland, Manchester, Newcastle and Merseyside where up to half of services could be cancelled. Commuter services into London's Euston station will also suffer delays. However, all InterCity services should be running normally.

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Blair plans new powers for MPs on Europe

TONY BLAIR will reform the way MPs scrutinise European laws if Labour is elected, it emerged yesterday. The party intends to give Parliament powers to question ministers before they go to European Union meetings to make them more accountable.

Ministers would have to explain what their objectives were and answer detailed questions from MPs. The move follows concern that too hind closed doors in Brussels. It also follows a row over the difficulties MPs have in scrutinising European docu-ments. The Commons Select Committee on European Legislation has threatened to boycott EU regulations unless

there is an explanatory text from British ministers. Labour believes the committee should have at least four weeks to look at the proposals. instead of a few days' notice before the plans have to be ratified. The party also wants to improve the system of translation of papers and would set up an e-mail link

with Brussels.

The proposals, which have been endorsed by Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secre-tary, and Mr Blair, are outlined in a policy paper by Peter Hain, a former Shadow Whip on Europe and now an employment spokesman. "It would actually create greater legitimacy for European decision-making in Parliament," said a Labour source. "At the moment there is no real opportunity for Parliament to hold

Admen in Lords push ahead the campaign

By Andrew Pierce

THE newly ennobled Tory strategists Maurice Saatchi and Peter Gummer are gearing up for the next stage of their New Labour. New Danger" campaign as the controversy over their peerages continued yesterday.

Meetings will begin in the next two weeks to devise a new poster campaign attacking Labour in five policy areas. The campaign will claim that Tony Blair will cede powers to Brussels, cre-ate higher unemployment through signing the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty, impose new taxes, be soft on criminals, and break

up the United Kingdom. Tens of thousands of leaflets will be distributed by local Conservative associataken out in regional and national newspapers, and a series of press conferences will be held in the run-up to

John Major, who was un-easy about the poster depict-ing Mr Blair with "demon eyes", and Dr Brian Ma-whinney, the Tory chairman, remain unrepentant about

Sir Tim Bell, part of the advertising troika which devised the slogan, yesterday defended Mr Saatchi, the advertising man behind the "demon" poster, and Mr Gummer after they were branded the "Lords of Lies" by the Labour Party. They were part of a group of 14 new working peers an-nounced by Downing Street

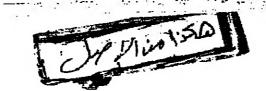
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How old Cary Grant's friends clashed over his boyhood shame



Hollywood style: Grant at the peak of his career

BY ROBIN YOUNG

RIVAL chroniclers of the Hullywood star Cary Grant yesterday broke a lifetime's silence and became involved in an unseemly scrap over the nature of the debonair actor's guilty secret. They agreed on only one thing: he certainly had one.

His sole surviving classmate, now 93, claimed that Grant, then Archie Leach, the school scruff, was expelled in 1918 from Fairfield School, Bristol, because he was a teenage thief. But Grant's closest confidant, who knew him for half a century. declared: "This old squeater telling tales out of school

is talking absolute nonsense." Alston Thomas, one of only two journalists to be given Grant's private telephone numbers, then exposed what he said was the vordid truth: "Cary was expelled for masturbating in the toilets, and he made no secret of it to me."

Grunt, the leading man in many

classic movies such as Alfred Hitchcock's North by Northwest, managed to keep his boyhood shame, whatever its nature, under wraps. He died in 1986.

Ted Morley, 93. of Henleage, Bristol, a former pupil at Fairfield, broke a lifetime's silence on the subject yesterday to claim that

was expelled for stealing from a church. In Mr Morley's account even at the age of 14 the future Cary Grant displayed the coolness that became the hallmark of his career. Mr Morley says that when he was told by the headmaster in front of the whole school that he was expelled. Archie raised an cycbrow, tapped a rigarette on his eigarette case, and asked: "Can I

get my books?" Mr Morley said that the theft had been unpremeditated. Grant and two other boys had been on a cycling excursion and entered the unlocked church

This account was repudiated by Mr Thomas, a former Bristol

journalist. "There are huge weaknesses in Morley's story, and in any case I know it is wrong." Why, he asked, if three hoys stole from the church, was only Grant expelled? "Cary was too poor as a child to afford a bike, so he could never have gone on a biking excursion >

Mr Thomas said that he was told by another former pupil that Grant was expelled for masturbat-ing in the lavatories. "I used to tease Cary about it. He invented a story that he had been caught peeping at the girls." Mr Thomas added: "Grant never went back to Fairfield. He listed his education in Who's Who? as Fairfield Academy, which sounds very fine, but actually he hated the place."

That Grant was adept at keeping personal details to himself is wellknown. When a journalist wired his agent with the query: "How old Cary Grant?". Grant famously intercepted the message and re-plied: "Old Cary Grant fine. How you?" But he can no longer stop former chums and schoolmates from telling on him. A new biography of Grant by Graham McCann is to be published next month. What further peccadilloes that may disclose, movie fans must dread to think.

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Bristol fashion: Grant, then Archie Leach, as a boy

Princess's adviser found life hard in media spotlight

BY EMMA WILKINS

HE Princess of Wales's former media adviser spoke for the first time yesterday of her frustrations and difficulties in the job that she left abruptly last month. Jane Atkinson, who resigned after seven months, said that she had been completely unprepared for the niceties of royal

protocol One of her first duties was to accompany the Princess to a lunch in central London hosted by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Ms Atkinson, who was dressed for the occasion. did not realise that she was not invited to join the VIPs and ended up buying a hamburg-

"I come from a very ordinary background. It was inevitable that at times I felt out of my depth," she said. Ms Atkinson, who is due to rypear soon on BBC2's satiri-You, denied suggestions that the Princess was jealous about her close relationship with the media. "What has she got to be jealous about? She is one of the most influential and powerful women in the world. I'm 49. mortgaged to the hilt. and wear Marks & Spencer suits."

In an interview with PR Week magazine she added that she knew about the Princess's decision to be filmed watching an operation at Harefield Hospital, but was powerless to stop it as it had

been arranged before she was appointed. "It was not my job as media adviser to tell her what to do."

Ms Atkinson, who did not mind receiving relephone calls day and night from the Princess, did resent the constant calls from journalists. "I didn't want to be in the media spotlight. It is a very uncomfortable place to be."

Her children. Caroline, 10 and Nicholas, lo, were at first excited by the attention, but the novelty soon wore off. They realised that I wasn't happy with it. I never went anywhere without my mobile. It dominated their lives,"

She said that her decision to resign was prompted by con-cern for the future of her



Atkinson: said she felt out of her depth at times

my life was at risk. I knocked

the gun up to the ceiling and he turned and walked off."

Mrs Mills's first impressions were correct. The gun

was a fake, but the man

holding it. Carl Barnes, was

real enough, and already on the run from Wellingborough

prison where he was serving

by a Crown Court judge as a

danger to society, was sen-

tenced to a further seven

years. He admitted attempt-

ing to rob Barciays Bank in

Asked if she thought she

was a hero, Mrs Mills replied:

"I am just an ordinary wife

and mum. I acted instinctive-

ly. If I had thought about it. I

think I would probably have

Ted Crew, Chief Constable

of Northamtonshire, said: "If

it had not been for her prompt

and courageous actions, de-spite the risk to her own safety,

the robbery would have been

Barnes, who was described

six years for robbery.

Burton Latimer.

run a mile."

public relations business, Atkinson Courage, whose clients include Avis and the Equal Opportunities Commission. She was spending all her time on work for the Princess.

After Ms Atkinson's resignation, the Princess decided to rely on three secretaries to handle her public relations. "She [the Princess] feels that having a media adviser is not what she needs at the moment. I was appointed to handle the obsessive attention but that has changed now," Ms Alkinsun said.

"It was a very natural time for the contract to come to an end after the divorce settlement. The media will always he interested in what she does, but it is less damaging now. She has the divorce settlement and there is less damagelimitation need. She has more breathing speace to decide what to do

She said that it had been exciting working for the Princess. "You will never (normally) have a client where you can pick up the telephone to anyone in the media in the world

and get a front page story."

When asked if she had any regrets, she told the magazine:
"I met amazing people and have done amazing things. I don't know if in five years' time I will look back and say it made me or it didn't make me. I was quite sucessful before but I couldn't not have done

Chocolate



Divers searching yesterday for Jodi Loughlin, 6, and her brother Tom, 4, who disappeared on Sunday from the beach at Holme next the Sea

Three-day search for missing beach children is called off

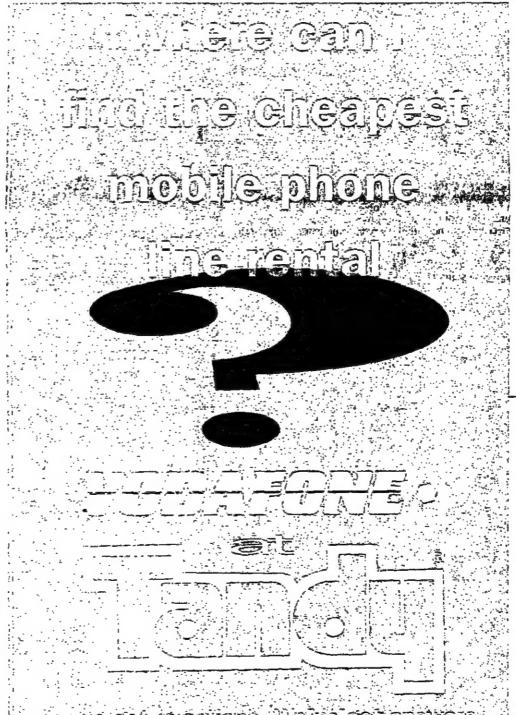
POLICE last night called off the search by personnel from RAF Marham, filed for two children missing off a Norfolk holiday beach, after three days (Stephen Farrell writes). The news was broken to the parents of Jodi Loughlin. aged o, and her brother Tom. 4. from

wearily back to headquarters having failed to find any trace over an

extended 12 square mile area. The investigation now switches to the hundreds of calls to police from members of the public, but Norfolk

police admit they do not have a positive sighting of the children, who vanished on Sunday afternoon at Holme next the Sea. As each day passes, fears grow that they were swept away by strong currents in the spring tide.

from an unknown man who kicked the family's football back to the children's mother Lynette, 37, minutes after the children disappeared. There was nothing sinister about the man, but police remember seeing the children.





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Don't be silly, wife tells bank robber

By ROBIN YOUNG

A WOMAN magistrate foiled time it looked real. I thought an armed bank robber by treating him like a naughty boy and telling him not to be Pam Mills. 49, a magistrate

in Kenering. Northampton-shire, was presented with a certificate yesterday for the brave way she acted when the man behind her in the queue growled: "Give me the money." Mrs Mills said: "I spoke to him just as I would have done to my children playing the fool ten years ago."

Mrs Mills was paying in money from a charity street collection when she heard the gruff voice behind her. "I looked down at his gun and it looked like two pieces of tubing wrapped in a plastic bag. I told him: 'Don't be so silly. That's not a real gun. Just go away, and I brushed

The robber repeated his threat to the cashier and this time aimed his double-barrelled gun at Mrs Mills. She said: "I looked at it again and thought, 'Oh, my God.' This

acts like cannabis By NIGEL HAWKES

RESEARCHERS believe they have found a reason why chocolate may be addictive. Many people claim to suffer "chocaholism", but scientists have mostly been sceptical. Now the discovery in chocolate of three chemicals able to mimic the effect of cannabis puts the craving on a sounder

Dr Daniele Piomelli and colleagues from the Neurosciences Institute in San Diego. California, subjected cocoa powder or chocolate from three manufacturers to exhaustive analytical tests. They found three, belonging to a called acylerhanolamines. One was identical to a fat called anandamide which occurs

naturally in the brain. Anandamide is released from neurons and rapidly broken down, suggesting that it is a signalling chemical. The pleasurable effect of cannabis is believed to result from the fact that the chemicals in it lock on to the same sites in the brain as anandamide.

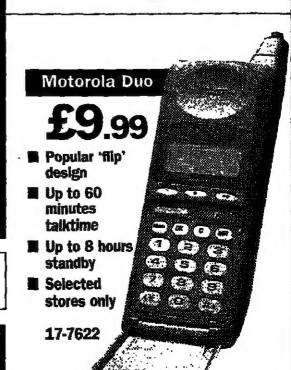
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Consecrated virgins plan reunion at Whitsuntide

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ELIZABETH Bailey, Brit-ain's first consecrated virgin for centuries, is busy organising a virgins' re-union, to be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Plymouth on Whit Monday. May 19, next year. It will be the 25th anniversary of her own consecration, and the virgins have met in Britain since their reinstitution by the Second Vatican Council. Miss Bailey, a former mid-

wife who is now field worker

for peace and justice in the

Plymouth diocese, delivered hundreds of babies while

with the National Health

while resolutely

maintaining her own vows of chastity. The rite of the consecration of virgins had been allowed to lapse for centuries before it was revived by Vatican II at the instigation of Pope John XXIII.

Miss Bailey was consecrated on Whit Monday. May 15. 1972. She has taken a vow of lifelong celibacy, and admits to an occasional pang about giving up any chance of a family, but still believes she has followed the right path.

She heard about the Vatican II decision while working in Labrador. "I came back and took part in the ceremony in Brighton. I was the first but now there are about 100 in the country and four in our divcese covering Cornwall, Devon and Dorset. No one keeps precise count of the numbers, but many of the virgins are in touch with each other to offer sisterly support and friendship." Miss Bailey believes her

way of life has added attractions in an age when divorce is common and more women have their own careers. She says: "Our service next year will be a time of celebration. not a time for regrets. I look around me and I think I have got the better deal. I have five brothers and sisters who all have children, so I have not missed out.

Landlubber Cromwell knew value of loyal navy The discovery of the Cromwellian warship an off the Isle of Mull highlights the important e played by the navy in the Civil War, albeit a gely non-combeting the components of the com

■ The discovery of the Cromwellian warship Swan off the Isle of Mull highlights the important role played by the navy in the Civil War, albeit a largely non-combattant one, Alan Hamilton writes

TRADITIONALISTS would nominate the founder of the British navy as Alfred the Great, but there are those who would stake a claim for that unlikeliest of sailors, Oliver

Naval engagements played no significant part in the English Civil War, and the wreck of the Swan off the Isle of Mull appears to be the remains of what was no more than a mopping-up operation against recalcitrant Highland chiefs after the Lord Protector of England had thrashed the Scottish end of the Royalist cause at the Battle of Dunbar in 1650. Yet the state of the navy was one of the root causes of the Civil War in the first place. Coastal towns had never greatly objected to paying "ship money"—
a tax to build ships to ward off pirates and other unsavoury invaders - but when Charles I levied the tax on inland counties, the rumblings began. They did not understand much about pirates in Leicestershire.

When Charles then applied the ship money to waging a war against Scotland, he had what was

in effect an early poll tax revolt on his hands. Such eminent English-men as John Hampden refused to pay the tax, incensed that it was raised by the King and not by Parliament. Charles, still imbued with the Stuart dream of rule by divine right, could not entirely see the problem of whether a navy should belong to the sovereign or

Although the navy was scarcely involved in either the first or second Civil War, it effectively ensured that events went the way of Cromwell's parliamentarians. By refusing to declare for the King in the early war years, the navy ensured that he could not summon military help by sea from continen-

By the time of Cromwell the British navy, such as it was, had declined sadly from its glory days of 1588 when it saw off the Spanish Armada. Cromwell's claim to be founder of what we now know as the Royal Navy lies in his wresting the ships from Charles I upon the royalist defeat and turning them into a force that had no doubt it was







Alfred the Great, left, is usually thought of as the founder of the British navy, but its might declined under Charles I. The navy was restored to its former glory by Oliver Cromwell and his "general at sea" Robert Blake, who triumphed over the Dutch

fighting for the state rather than an individual. He felt he owed the navy a favour after it had withheld its own favours from Charles I and put considerable money and effort

into building it up.

He did so by levying a far more punitive ship tax than Charles I would ever have dared to do. But. being Cromwell and in undisputed

control of the power levers of state, he got away with it. There were political reasons for doing so. In control but unpopular at home for the Commonwealth government's puritanical laws and military rule, Cromwell sought a diversion. He found it in Holland, once an oppressed Protestant ally but increasingly an ambitious and dan-

skirmishing in the Channel.

The English were at at a disadvantage, as most of their experienced naval commanders were royalists. To crew and defend his ships, Cromwell dispatched 1,200 footsoldiers of his New Model Army to fight at sea; they survive

gerous commercial rival. By 1652, today as the Royal Marines. To the English and Dutch fleets were command his ships, he drew generals from the army and created them "generals at sea"

One of them, Robert Blake, is still remembered as one of England's naval heroes, restoring the navy to its 1588 reputation by defeating the Dutch fleet commanded by one of that country's

cavalrymen or infantry commanders, they ordered the ships to join battle in line, presenting an invinci-ble wall to the enemy instead of darting around in undisciplined fashion picking off the foe wherever they could.

The royalist navy had been largely composed of merchant ships that tended to sail away at top speed if they saw the day going against them. Cromwell's navisailed under new and revolutionary orders: all ships were answerable to the Commander of the Fleet, who was omnipotent in battle, and remains so. At the same time, the generals at sea had restored to them the rank of admiral.

In a letter written in 1654, Cromwell noted with some satisfaction that the navy consisted of no fewer than 160 ships. He was less pleased to note that it was costing £120,000 a year, and was tempted down the usual route of defence cuts. When the monarchy was restored in 1660, Charles II continued to engage the Dutchman at sea. But what the Stuarts were fighting with was a navy reshaped into a credible fighting force by their former archenemy and son of the inland county of Hunringdonshire.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Girl, 16, is accused of 1992 killing

A girl of 16 was sent for trial yesterday, charged with the murder of an 18-year-old hairdresser four years ago. Katie Rackliff was stabbed 27 times in the attack in June,

The girl, who cannot be named, spoke only to give her name and address when she appeared before a youth court at Aldershot, Hampshire. She was remanded in custody to appear at Win-chester Crown Court in

Miss Rackliff's body was Miss Rackliff's body was found near the gates of a cemetery in Farnborough. She was last seen leaving Ragamuffins, a nightelub in Camberley. Surrey. after being spurned by her boyfriend.

Cyclist swept up

hospital after being caught in the metal brashes of a road-sweeping vehicle. Dereck Edwards, 54, of Acocks Green, Birmingham, who was dragged along underneath the machine after colliding with it, was trapped for 40

Constable bitten

A policeman had a little finger bitten off after allegedly being confronted by a motorist to whom he had given a parking ticket. The constable, aged 40, had the finger sewn back in hospital after the attack in Oxford, A man aged 36 is due to appear in court next month.

GP sex charges

A GP has been charged with indecently assaulting four women patients at his surgery. Graham Reynolds, 53, who is married, has resigned from his practice in Huntingdon. He will appear before magistrates next month. The alleged offences date back

Golf-ball victim

A 15-year-old girl lost several teeth and suffered a swollen lip when a golf ball flew through the window of a car in which she was a passenger. Police believe the ball was mishit by a golfer practising near by as there are no golf courses at the accident spot in Crawley, West Sussex.

Royal master

The son born last month to the Queen's niece. Lady Sarah Chatto, will be called Samuel David Benedict Chatto, Kensington Palace announced. He is fourteenth in line to the throne, but as his father Daniel Chatto has no title, will be known simply as Master Samuel.

Taken aback

A cabbie was so surprised when he saw a photograph of himself aged eight in an advertisement on the side of a bus that he almost crashed into it. The picture of Robert Wright, 54, from Chelmsford, Essex, was taken by London Transport on a day trip to the seaside in 1947.

CORRECTION

The birth weight of the premature baby Sophie Proud (photograph and report, August 15) was 11b 9oz and not

Father of two filmed their nanny in secret

A BUSINESSMAN who set up a video camera to film his children's nanny in the lavatory was ordered yesterday to pay more than £6,600 compensation. Clive Wade, 37, hid the

camera in a swimming bag in the toilet used by Louise Payne and put laxative into a sandwich. She had begun working for him after his wife left him. Mrs Payne, now 24, and cleaner. Patricia Errock, played the videotape after noticing the lens poking out of the bag. They saw frames of Wade, dressed in pyjamas, altering the angle of the cam-

era to get the best shots. Both left their jobs the same day and Mrs Payne claimed unfair dismissal. An industrial tribunal ruled that the case was an extreme example of sexual discrimination.

Donald Cowling, chairman difficult to imagine conduct more demeaning than for a male employer to assemble video equipment in order to spy on his female employees." Mrs Payne of Eynsham,

Oxfordshire, also claimed that she discovered a video camera in a bedroom cupboard after Wade had asked her to try on a football strip. When she played the tape, it also showed footage of a female neighbour as she bent over her car.

Mrs Payne was employed by Wade, who ran a fitted kitchen business, to look after his two sons. Her father, John Evans, said that she may now take civil action against Wade.

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Earthlings unimpressed by ember from Mars

ell, it's very, very, very, very, tiny, isn't it? sniffed Clare Hollis discouragingly. Not the sort of words that any man likes to hear, frankly, let alone a top cosmic scientist who is proudly parading the best evidence so far that there might once have been life on

Yesterday the Natural History Museum allowed us Earthlings to glimpse a chunk of Martian meteorite, part of that Antarctic batch that led Nasa to the thrilling hypothesis that microscopic bacteria may once have roamed on Mars.

Mars looks very much like those scraps of half-hurnt coal you might scrape out of the grate in the morning. The piece the Natural History Museum has on loan is 7mm across and weighs about a tenth of a gram. The museum does not have a microscope powerful enough to detect possible fossilised bacteria. But as part of a temporary exhibition in its Earth Galleres, the museum has set up a faicroscope that magnifies



Joe Joseph feels little sense of wonder as the Natural History Museum proudly unveils its microscopic piece of extraterrestrial life

the rock 80-fold on to a video screen, making it look like an enlarged piece of half-burnt

"I've seen Independence Day." says Clare, who is on holiday from Peterborough, "and it's a bit more exciting than that." Dr Robert Hutchison, the museum's top cosmic minerologist, is too busy protecting his fragment of Martian rock from hustling newspaper photographers - Britain's own form of alien life - to mourn for long over Clare's disappoint-

The snappers want him to take the rock outdoors, where the light is better. Dr Hutchison is in a panic: "! don't think we can let it out of the building. It belongs to

to the polluted London atmosphere," They want him to hold it up here, down there, under a magnifying glass, by his nose, up to his eye, next to a 5p coin. You could see him pining for the more upscale life-form of fossilised Martian bacteria. It was a photo

opportunity, Jim, but not as

the genteel curators of the Natural History Museum

o what does this fourbillion-year-old sliver of meteorite prove? I'm not sure that it proves anything," says Dr Hutchi-son, "The head of the Nasa team, Dave Mackay, is a very respected scientist, so his exciting findings must be taken seriously. But I think it's very unlikely that there

was intelligent life on Mars. I think we would have found

Vincent Fenech, on holiday from Malta, could take the rock or leave it: "Well, it's nice to see a bit of another planet, but it's not that exciting to look at, really. If there was life on Mars," adds Mr Fenech, who turns out to be an evangelical parson, "God wouldn't have let it turn into

Across the street, visitors to the Victoria and Albert Museum were also getting their first glimpse of something which, although old, had barely a few months of bottle age compared with Nasa's Martian meteorite. "Its antiq-uity is the interesting thing." explained Lily Newbery, gazing at the newly acquired 12th-century Becket casket.

"The colour is just lovely. Martian rock? I wouldn't bother going to see that. This casket moves me, but something from outer space, well there's no excitement there for me. I'm afraid."

Call it one small victory for



Dr Robert Hutchison magnifying the sliver of rock. He thinks it unlikely there was intelligent life on Mars

Soccer clubs' ban on away fans may be breaking law

tw) neighbouring Premiership sides is to be investigated by the Office of Fair Trading. Officials will consider whether the decision by Newcastle United and Sunderland to bar visiting supporters from matches against each other is a restrictive practice.

An OFT spokesman said: "We are wondering if there is an agreement here which contravenes the Restrictive Trade Practices Act. There might be an impact on competition and we are looking at that. If there is an agreement between the two clubs, it may be that it should have been registered with us. We also have to consider, if such an agreement exists, whether it is in the

public interest." Followers of both teams were outraged at the move, which is intended to prevent clashes between rival fans. It followed the promotion of Sunderland to the Premiership last season and is sup-posted by Northumbria Police. Away fans will have to go to their own grounds to watch the games live on huge television screens.

The ban has resulted in the Tyneside and Wearside supporters, whose grounds are less than 13 miles apart. putting aside a century of rivalry and forming Wear United, an action group op-posed to the restriction. A petition attracted 25,000 signatures and II fans from each side walked between Roker Park in Sunderland and St James's Park in Newcastle in a show of unity.

Steve Wraith, 23, a Wear United member and New-castle fan, said: "It is a denial of civil liberties to deny Newcastle fans access to Roker Park and vice versa. The OFT involvement is welcome but despite the petition.

A BAN on away football fans fan march and rallies in both cities, we are left fighting an invisible enemy. Neither club or the police will say just whose idea the ban was in the first place."

The fans feel they are being punished for the actions of a small hooligan element from both sides who have caused trouble in the past. The first derby match is on September 3 at Roker Park. It is unlikely the OFT inquiry will be complete before then and possible that it will not have reached a conclusion by the return game on April 5. The OFT spokesman said: "We cannot say how long any inquiry takes, but it is likely to be months rather than weeks."

told that they face a life ban if they pass on their tickets to Newcastle followers who cause trouble at the game. Newcastle fans who do get in have been told they face eviction "for their own safety".

Fred Chambers, Sunderland's safety executive and a former deputy chief constable with Northumbria Police, said: "The presence of any Newcastle fans at the match could be considered inflammatory. We may have to protect the individual, which could mean them having to

Northumbria Police have been criticised for their handling of derby matches in recent years, insisting they be played at noon on Sundays. despite such cities as Glasgow. Liverpool and Manchester keeping the traditional 3pm

Saturday kick-off.

Deputy Chief Constable

David Mellish said the ban was "not a decision made by Northumbria Police. But given the circumstances which exist, we support it as a sensible measure."

Football, pages 40, 41, 44

By Paul Wilkinson

Sunderland fans have been leave the ground."

Supplier fined over abbey wine

THE supplier of Buckfast Wine the sweet tonic wine that takes its name from the abbey in Devon, was fined £3,000 by magistrates after it admitted that some of the drink was not made by monks.

The wine is produced by Benedictine monks and sold around the world. But trading standards investigators found that some export bottles had never been to the abbey, despite a label saying "Made by Benedictine monks. Buckfast Abbey".

Magistrates were told that rench wine was used as the base for the drink. It was usually taken to the abbey to have a secret recipe of spices added by the monks. However, 32,700 bottles destined for the Caribbean were imported to Bristol and bottled at

Caroline Gibson, for the

defence, said the error arose when efforts were made to comply with duty-free regulations that stated the drink had to be produced in a bonded warehouse. The final mixing of the wine takes place near Bristol, but the ingredients on the label are made up at the abbey and sent to the producer." She said the labels had been changed to read, "Made to an original recipe of the monks of Buckfast Abbey".

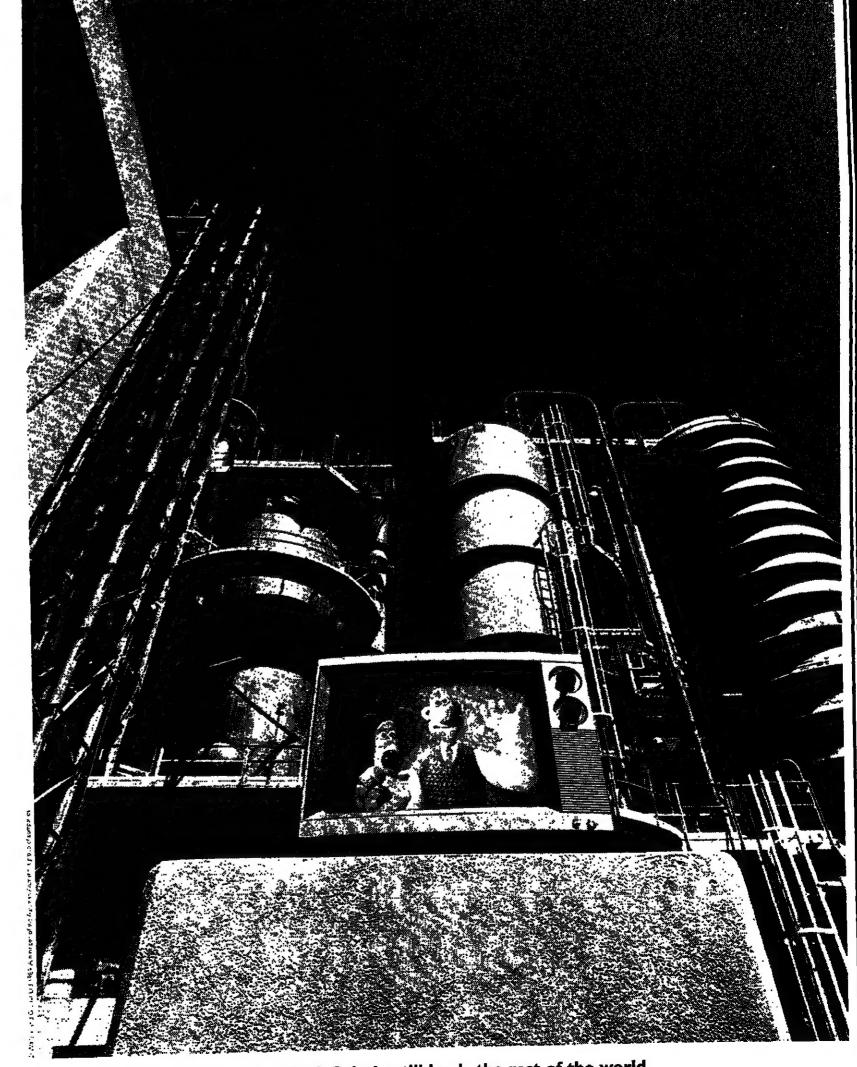
J. Chandler and Co. of Dorchester, admitted two counts of applying a false description on the labels. Tony Joyce, a director of the company. described the prosecution as an overreaction to a minor mistake. A friendly phone call would have sufficed."

Worldwide sales of the wine. 15 per cent alcohol by volume, total £10 million a year. The abbey attracts 400,000 visitors a year.

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Cleaner air will add millions to cost of shopping

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

REDUCING air pollution will make road transport more years, the Environment Secretary said yesterday.

John Gummer, announcing the Government's national air quality strategy, confirmed that tougher European Union vehicle emission standards would be central to reducing the fumes of eight pollutants in British cities by 2005, as stipulated by the air quality strategy. The new EU stan-dards, to be phased in over the next few years, will push the price of a small family car up by £180 and a big heavy-goods vehicle by about £1,330, according department officials.

Prices in the shops could well rise because of the higher costs of transporting goods. About 10 per cent of the price of groceries reflects the cost of transport; for beer, the proportion is up to a third.

Roger King, of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said yesterday that most of the additional cost would be for catalytic converters that could operate within five seconds of the car starting. rather than the two minutes it

currently takes; 8 per cent of the pollution from cars occurs in the first few minutes when the catalyst is too cold to

A litre of petrol, the price of which is already rising every year by 5 per cent above inflation as part of measures to counter global warming. will cost a quarter of a penny more, and diesel will cost 0.16 pence more.

It is estimated that the measures against air pollution will add between £85 million and £90 million a year to the costs of road freight. The Freight Transport Association said it was inevitable that these price rises would be passed on to industry and consumers.

Meeting the new national air quality strategy, could also lead to job losses in the oil industry. British refineries, which use a different process than some continental competitors, will have to invest EI billion on upgrading their facilities to process new, cleaner, fuels. Dr Malcolm Watson, of the United Kingdom Petroleum Industries Association, said some refineries might close, if

oil companies consider the investment costs too high. The Environmental Trans-

port Association said that motorists should be prepared to help fund wider environ-mental improvements. Research by economists at the University of London indicates that cars, buses, taxis and lorries cost society £50 billion in spending on the dam-age to buildings and ill health caused. Yet motorists pay only £16 billion in fuel and road duty. Andrew Davis, the association's director, urged the Government to triple the tax

on motoring.
But Mr Gummer said there was little evidence that increasing motoring taxes re-duced car usage. He claimed that higher petrol prices acted as a green tax only in that they led car-manufacturers to attract buyers by making more fuel-efficient engines.

Mr Gummer said new powers for local authorities would be announced later in the year. Under the strategy, it is confirmed that councils will be allowed to stop cars and test their emissions if a police officer is present. Councils



John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, yesterday at the wheel of a Rover 827 converted by Conoco Fuels to run on liquefied petroleum gas

when pollution is particularly

high. However, such moves

are unlikely, as they could

shift the pollution to other

areas. Instead, there will be

ravate traffic jams and

might also be given powers to impose heavy taxes on nonresident car parking, to deter commuters from using their cars. Buses might be banned from certain streets unless

they burn cleaner diesels. Mr Gummer also has reserve powers, by which councils could close roads

more pedestrianisation. The Environment Secretary arrived at his office yesterday in a Rover 827 converted by Conoco Fuels, part of Jet, to run on liquified petroleum gas (LPG). An official said that ministers were evaluating several environmentally friendly vehicles including an electric Ford Van-Ecostar and a car powered by compressed natural gas. The LPG Rover uses a propane-based fuel.

Pilot, 74, killed as gliders crash over Cotswolds

A PILOT died vesterday after a collision between two gliders over an estate in Gloucestershire owned by the Princess Royal. The other pilot para-chuted to safety with minor cuts and bruises.

The dead man was named last night as Leslie Akehurst. 74, of Thrupp, near Stroud, a former Wing Commander who won the OBE for his role as a senior air traffic controller during the Berlin airlift. The other pilot was Geoff Fellowes, 45. a builder, from Chip-penham. Wiltshire. Both were members of the Cotswold Gliding Club.

Mr Fellowes walked a mile across fields on the Gatcombe Park estate to the gliding club office at Aston Down airfield. where he summoned help. The estate is managed by the Princess's former husband, Captain Mark Phillips. Debris from the gliders was scattered over the grounds of

his 18th-century farmhouse. Captain Phillips, who was watching the couple's daughter, Zara, compete at a pony club event in Shropshire yesterday, said: "I am very sorry to hear about this terrible accident and I would like to pass on my sympathy to the

families of those involved." A joint investigation by the Department of Transport and the British Gliding Association will examine why the pilots were flying so close

together, said Superintendent Adrian Grimmett, police divisional commander at Stroud, One of the gliders disinte-grated and fell to the ground "like conferti", according to one witness. David Webb, 40. a painter, was sitting in his car having a tea break while working outside a cottage in Cherington, less than a mile from the crash. "As I got out of my car there was this big bang. I looked up and there

were bits flying everywhere." A local coroner was at the scene while firemen from Stroud were involved in a search of the wreckage. A police helicopter was scram-bled in the hope of taking

survivors to hospital.

The Cotswold escarpment is popular with gliding enth-usiasts. It is believed that the crash was at about 1,500ft, and David Roberts, secretary of the club, said the survivor was "very lucky" to have baled out successfully. He said that the club had run for almost 30 years with no serious injury.

Swiss Army knife death on flight

By EMMA WILKINS

A DOCTOR stabbed himself to death with a Swiss Army penknife on a British Airways flight from London to Geneva. Alain Monnier, 34, who was Swiss, took the 21 in blade from his pocket and severed an artery in his groin as the aircraft landed.

A passenger alerted cabin crew and a doctor on board assisted them until Swiss paramedics arrived, but M Monnier died on his way to hospital. BA had been told by his wife before the flight that he had psychological problems, but he had told them that he was fine. A BA spokesman said that M Monnier, who was returning from Los Angeles via London. had appeared to be entirely

Swiss police questioned BA staff before allowing them on the scheduled return flight to London. Security regulations were not breached because passengers are allowed to carry knives with blades shorter than 3in.

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went to Knutsford service station on the M6 last month after an officer believed an Irish lorry driver's licence had been tampered with. Cheshire police say that the driver's wife had cut the photograph from the licence and replaced it with another because she wanted the picture as a keepsake while her husband was away.

Lonely wife lorry scare

an extra fuel tank. Cheshire police said: "The photograph on the licence did not bear an official stamp. We could not afford to

BY PAUL WILKINSON A WIFE pining for her husband was to blame for a security alert that closed a motorway for five hours and caused an 18-mile tailback. Anti-terrorist police hunt-ing the Manchester bombers

The driver was arrested and questioned for several hours. The motorway was closed while bomb-disposal experts examined a box weldvehicle, but it was found to be

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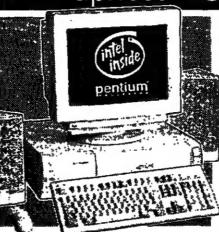
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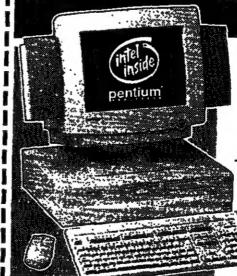
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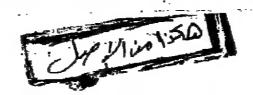
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GCSE RESULTS

Call for compulsory subjects

Vocational courses draw pupils from history and classics

By David Charter, education correspondent

HISTORY teachers called for the subject to be compulsory after it was disclosed that nearly 13,000 fewer students sat history GCSE this year. The 5.3 per cent drop in candidates came at a time when the total number of loyear-olds rose by 3 per cent.

Linked subjects also showed a decrease. Entries in GCSE classical civilisation were down 21 per cent, in Greek 19 per cent and in Latin 6 per

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year-olds.

The biggest drop in candi-dates was for technology, which had more than 100,000 (30 per cent) fewer entries as a result of the national curriculum change in 1994 that made it no longer compulsory after the age of 14. A knock-on effect was an increase in popularity for home economics (up 77.7 per cent), business studies (33.4 per cent) and computing (13.1 per cent). Extra room in the timetable created by removing the compulsion to study technology also encouraged a revival in music GCSE. with 10 per cent more

candidates. The growing popularity of vocational courses available at 14 was a significant factor in the decline of history and the classics, the School Curriculum and Assessment Author-

ity said. The Historical Association said that children were being encouraged to specialise too early and that they were at risk of missing out on a broad education if history were not made compulsory up to 16, instead of up to 14 as at

Michael Riley, a committee member of the association, said: "Many schools have dropped the compulsion to do a humanities subject at GCSE which I think is a huge loss in terms of producing children who have had a balanced education right up to the age

"History has a central role to play in terms of the way it develops children's thinking skills and their wider understanding of the nature of evidence, as well as citizenship issues and social and moral development."

A spokeswoman for the curriculum and assessment authority said: "The number of A to C grades achieved at history, which has gone up by 2.2 per cent, would tend to indicate that the people doing it are those with a real strength in it as opposed to



The number of students sitting GCSE history fell by 13,000. About 100,000 fewer sat technology

Head teachers said the big drop in GCSE entries for technology, viewed by many schools as the fourth most important area after the three core subjects of English, mathematics and science, was a result of poor facilities in

pressed concern. Dominic Cadbury, the chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and of the CBI's education and training affairs committee, said: We hope these difficulties can be overcome. Individuals will find it hard to thrive in the companies of tomorrow with-

its importance." Design technology and information technology will again become compulsory from the age of 14 to 16 in September, although pupils will be able to choose to take a new short-course GCSE, which will take only half the time of a full

certificate. The Secondary Heads Asso-

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[1.5] (2.7) (20.5) (48.2) (40.7) (20. ciation said it was "not at all surprised" by the switch from the decline in history. This technology to home economics will be a course for concern, if and other subjects such as it continues."

Results in Wales were better than those in England. following last week's A-level trend. The percentage of A to C grades in the principality was \$4.1 per cent, compared with

Maths and sciences strong as grades rise

By David Charter

MATHEMATICS grades recovered yesterday, with the number achieving a grade C - the equivalent of an Olevel pass - or better rising to 46.5 per cent from last year's 44.8 per cent. Last year was the only year since GCSEs were introduced in 1988 that

the percentage had not risen.

Top grades in English GCSE remained static, as did the overall percentage of candidates with grade G or better, leading examining boards and schools to assert that standards were just as rigorous as in previous years. In mathematics papers set by the Southern Examining Group, which awarded a C for a score of 14 per cent on a difficult paper for those aiming for the top starred-A grade, 43.6 per cent of candidates achieved a C or better. The

ployment welcomed the results and said that it was continuing its own inquiry into the the SEG paper. It said: The minister has instructed officials to ask the board some searching questions."

Head teachers were disappointed with the slight drop in the percentage getting a C or better in both English and English literature. The examination format was kept the same as last year, when the I per cent drop in those getting a C or better in English was attributed to a 50,000 increase in the number candidates. The number rose again this summer, by 16,500, in line with the greater number of 16-yearolds nationally. However the number of higher

grades in sciences was up on last year from 51.8 per cent to 52.8 per cent, contributing to the rise of one

or better in the GCSE as a whole this year. Chemistry in particular showed a rise of two percentage points in those getting a C or better. Other subjects where there were

business studies. John Sutton,

the general secretary, said:

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This reflects not only the fact

impressive rises in top grades included computing. Not only were there more candidates, but those getting a C or better rose three percentage

points to 55.3 per cent.

Ancient Greek remained the subject with the highest rate of A and starred-A grades: 72.6 per cent of the 985 entrants. An A or better was achieved by more than half of the candidates in Italian, Russian and Latin. In modern languages as a whole, there were \$24,738 candidates, up nearly 10,000 on last year, with 53.1 per cent gaining a grade C or better,

compared with 524 per cent last year.

Minister, said: "I am particularly pleased to see significant improvements in science and maths results. areas crucial to national competitiveness. From this year, candidates will receive a separate grade for spoken English alongside their overall Eng-lish grade. This underlines the the importance for young people of good communication skills in adult life."

However, the Institute of Management said 60 per cent of its members felt that standards had dropped over the past ten years. More than 80 per cent of managers surveyed said that school leavers lacked essential work skills, with numeracy the biggest

Doug McAvoy, the general secre-tary of the National Union of Teachers, said concerns over GCSE had all been met: "GCSE critics should now pack their bags and skulk away."



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Kent attack girl goes back home

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Josephine Russell, who was left for dead by the killer of her mother and sister, returned home to Nonington, near Canterbury, to live with her father under a 24-hour police guard yesterday. Josephine, nine, was discharged from hospital after suffering serious head injuries in the attack six weeks

ago. Her father. Dr Shaun Russell said: "Josie went into her sister's room and looked serious, but there were no tears."

Nightclub body

Police are trying to discover the identity of a young woman found dead by two 14-year-old sea cadets behind a nightclub at Edgbaston, Birmingham. Her body is thought to have been lying on the waste ground for up to five days.

Witness scheme

Scotland's first large-scale witness protection scheme is to be introduced by Strathclyde Police. No details were given for the experimental scheme, which is on the agenda at talks next week between police and Crown officials.

Young decoy

While a smartly-dressed boy aged about ten asked a 94year-old woman living in a caravan at Ross-on-Wye. Hereford and Worcester, if he could use her lavatory, two men with him stole a shopping bag containing E1,000.

Joint account

Sunderland District General Hospital is asking hip replacement patients to donate their artificial joints after they die. A spokesman said that they would not be reused, but tested for wear and tear to improve future replacements.

Deer on the line

A straying reindeer was rescued after its antlers got stuck in a rotary washing line. Marmite has recovered after police and staff from Pennywell Farm animal centre, Buckfastleigh, Devon, freed it from the line in Luanne Levy's garden.



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By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

UNIVERSITIES are breaking the law by conducting research in laboratories that fail to meet health and safety standards.

At Cambridge, the chemistry laboratory is "very close to the bone" on safety, according to Professor David King, the head of department. Four or five students are using fume cupboards meant for one.

At Manchester, the Dean of the School of Biological Sciences. Professor Mark Ferguson, cannot comply with the law on safety because there is no money for refurbishing laboratories. "We only update laboratories when we are about to be taken to court," he told a press conference in London yesterday, called by Save British Science to protest at antis in equipment budgets.

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At Imperial College physics department, said Professor Peter Knight, people were working in corridors and an entire laser laboratory had had to be closed because it could not meet safery standards; a small and crowded laboratory was being used instead.

Sir Derek Roberts, Provost

of University College London. accused ministers of "total dishonesty" in pretending that the cuts announced by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, last November could be made up by appealing to private industry. Industry was prepared to help to finance research, but did not consider providing basic equipment to be part of its job.

Many university laboratories were built in the late 1950s and early 1960s, the scientists said. Few had had enough spent on them since then and faced huge bills just as the cuts were beginning to take effect.

The campaign wants the cuts reversed, but Mrs Shephard has refused to meet a delegation to discuss the issue. "She is well-intentioned and nice." Sir Derek said, "but very badly advised."

Dr Peter Mobbs, a physiologist from UCL said some of the equipment in his laboratories was so old that it was recently given to the Science Museum.

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Tyrannosaurus Rex's bite has been found to be almost ten times as powerful as that of a wolf

T Rex bites back against softie slur by scientists

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS have admitted what the public always suspected — that Tyrannosaurus Rex had a bite that matched its

fearsome jaw.

In scientific circles, T rex has been in danger of being labelled a softie, better adapted to scavenging dead creatures than killing them with its slashing jaws. Debate about the dinosaur's predatory skills has been carried on for a century, with close examination of its teeth failing to settle the question. Some argued that they were strong and well-suited to killing herbivorous dinosaurs, while others contended that either the teeth or the jaws would fail.

Now Dr Gregory Erickson of the University of California at Berkeley and colleagues claim to have solved the question by simulating T Rex's bite, using teeth marks found on the pelvic bones of a triceratops.

The bones, which were found in Hell Creek, Montana, show dozens of large bite marks. Casts of the deeper bites show that they were

Scars imply the dinosaur took an aggressive stance

made by the larger teeth of an adult T rex, but from the bites alone it is hard to gauge whether the teeth that made them were especially robust, they report in Nature.

Examination showed that the haunch bones of today's cattle have a similar microstructure to those of triceratops, a creature with three sharp horns. They mounted a section of cow bone in a frame, and penetrated it with a replica T rex tooth, made out of aluminium bronze.

The force needed to make holes comparable to those found in the triceratops's bones was measured. For the deepest mark, this worked out at 6.410 newtons, which meant that other teeth further back in the mouth must have been able to produce forces as great as 13,400 newtons.

A labrador can produce 550 newtons at its back teeth, a human jaw 749, a wolf 1,412, a dusky shark 1,446, and a lion 4,168. The only creature that comes close to matching T rex is the alligator, which can generate 13,300 newtons.

The results suggest, the team says, that the teeth of T rex were as strong as, and in most cases substantially stron-

ger than, any surviving creature. The similarity with the alligator extends to the shape and structure of the teeth, indicating that they must have functioned in a similar way. Alligators use their teeth to Gener Lebed t assault

functioned in a similar way.

Alligators use their teeth to kill large prey, and to fight other alligators during confrontations. The similarity is strengthened by the evidence of bony scars on the skulls of the adult T rex. implying that they may have been involved in a rough-and-tumble with rivals.

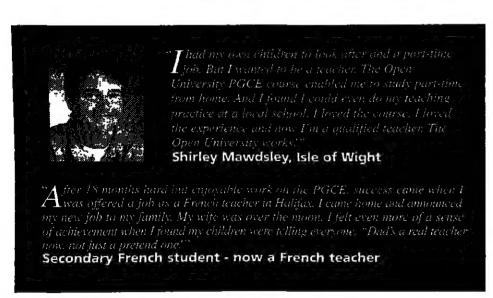
The evidence does not absolutely prove that T rex was the curse of the Cretaceous period 135 million years ago, when dinosaurs thrived, since powerful jaws and teeth could also have been useful for scavenging carrion. But the team contends that if T rex could get into a position to bite, it could certainly bite to some purpose, Or, in more scientific language, "it could have exploited

a predatory niche".

The team believes that bite marks, far more common than supposed, could be used for learning more about dinosaur teeth and their function, as well as testing the power of their jaws.

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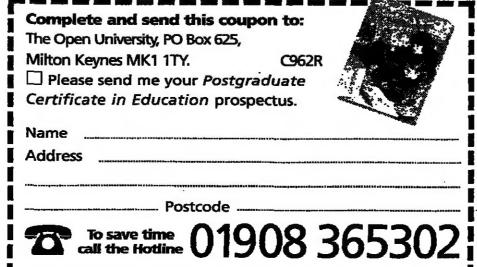
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Royal aide forgives driver who killed wife

By LIN JENKINS

THE former royal aide Sir Conrad Swan watched yesterday as the motorist who killed his wife was jailed for nine months. Afterwards Sir Conrad, who was Garter Principal King of Arms, said that he forgave the driver.

Lady Hilda Swan, 58, died

Lady Hilda Swan, 58, died instantly when she was hit by Martin Milne's Porsche as she walked home to Boxwood House, Suffolk, after posting letters for her husband.

Milne, 28. a motor trader from Clacton, Essex, drove away after the crash in December and pretended that his car had been stolen. A month later his girlfriend told police the truth. He was jailed by Ipswich Crown Court on Tuesday after admitting careless driving and attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Sir Conrad, 71, who helped to organise state ceremonies, said that it was pointless to barbour bad feelings at his age. "We have to forgive, but we can't forget. My wife was a very loving and caring person and I would hope that she would agree with that sentiment. Nothing the court can do will bring back the mother of five children and 19 grandchildren."

Lady Hilda, daughter of the 3rd Earl of Iddesleigh, had been involved with the St John Ambulance Brigade and the Riding for the Disabled Association. She ran a summer school for overseas students at her home.

Sir Conrad, who was diagnosed as having cancer last in year, was made Garter Principal by the Queen in 1992. He resigned in October because of ill health.

New rules to protect trawlers from subs

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REGULATIONS are being introduced to prevent submarine commanders from endangering fishing vessels while taking part in Nato exercises off the South West coast.

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After several incidents, trawler skippers have complained that their lives are, being put at risk. In the lates incident, a German Navy Uboat became entangled in nets strung between two trawlers fishing out of Newlyn, Cornwall. The trawlers, the Fie-Mart and the Cathryn, were dragged backwards and untangled themselves only when the 160ft submarine surfaced 20 miles south of Plymouth. A report shows that briefings were unclear, warning signals were misunderstood and radio broadcasts went

days at sea and, although their skippers estimate that the incident it cost them £18,000, they received only £10,000 in compensation.

The German Navy later admitted that, despite clear indications that fishing vessels were in his area, the U-boat captain did not heed them or listen to radio warnings. A Royal Navy investigation blamed the commander but criticised Royal Navy trainers

unheeded. The incident, last

February, lost both trawlers 18

standing over warning signals from Royal Navy ships.

Matthew Taylor, the Liberal Democrat MP for Truro and St Austell, who pressed for an inquiry, said the findings proved that the trawler skippers were right to be concerned. "These reports make very alarming reading."

for giving the Germans an insufficient briefing. It found

there was also misunder-

Five butterfly species at risk

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

BRITAIN has lost four of its resident butterflies over the past 150 years and many of those remaining are endangered or in decline, conservationists said yesterday.

Other species however, and

Other species, however, are thriving. Martin Warren, of the Dorset-based charity. Butterfly Conservation, said: "It is swings and roundabouts. More than half our butterflies are disappearing, but about a third are doing quite well."

There are 55 resident spe-

There are 55 resident species. Dr Warren has used records going back to Victorian times to identify the main winners and losers.

Four species are extinct. The

Four species are extinct. The large copper was last seen in 1851. It once thrived in East Anglia, but disappeared with destruction of its fenland habitat. The mazarine blue was last seen in Lincolnshire in early 1900s. The black-veined white has not been seen since the 1920s. The large tortoiseshell is believed extinct in Britain: occasional migrants may be seen.

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The five most endangered species include the large blue, reintroduced from Sweden after disappearing from Britain in 1979. Its survival, which is not yet certain, depends on

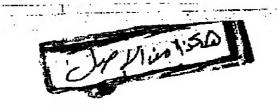
limestone grassland, wild thyme and a rare species of red ant on whose grubs the larvae feed.

The high brown fritillary has declined by 95 per cent this century and only about 50 colonies are left. Its favoured habitat, sunlit woodland, has almost disappeared because of the decline in coppicing. The heath fritillary has declined by 92 per cent this century.

92 per cent this century.

The silver-spotted skipper has recovered somewhat recently after a decline of nearly 90 per cent this century. caused by the loss of closely grazed downland turf, but there are still no more than 48 known colonies. The chequered skipper, once common in England, had vanished by the mid-1970s. Fifty colonies survive in western Scotland.

The end of coppicing may have benefited the white admiral and the speckled wood, which like shady woodland and are spreading from their established habitats. Warmer weather may be helping the Essex skipper, which is spreading north and west, and the red admiral, a summer visitor which is wintering here in increasing numbers.



Generals split as Lebed tries to avert assault on Grozny

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOV

RUSSIA'S military hierarchy was split in two last night after generals bickered publicly over whether to continue fighting or negotiate an end to their bloody 20-month conflict in

With only hours to go before a Russian deadline was due to expire and open the way for a massive hombardment of Grozny, the Chechen capital. there was complete confusion over who, if anyone, was in control of the armed forces. President Yeltsin remained out of public view, although his press service insisted that he would resume his duties in Moscow today.

The latest twist came after General Igor Rodionov, the newly appointed Defence Minister, publicly rebuked his acting commander in Chechenia for ordering the bom-bardment of Gruzny beginning today. General Rodionov, speaking on a visit to the city of Volgagrad, said that he had given his subordinate a "dressing down". "He did not agree this question with me," said the Defence Minister, whose remarks suggested he had come out on the side of his old ally General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's new security chief and troubleshooter in Chechenia.

General Lebed last night met Aslan Maskhadov, the separatists' chief-of-staff, outside Grozny. After arriving in Chechenia yesterday on his 11th-hour mission to try to head off the offensive. General Lebed said: "We will no longer speak in the language of ultimatums." He claimed that "the problem of the ultimatum" would be solved by roday with the guidance of "humane considerations and common

General Vvacheslav Tikhomirov, who resumed his post yesterday as commander of Russian forces in Chechenia, upheld the ultimatum and called for "very decisive measures" to be taken against the

vepurarists occupying Grozny. There are three possible explanations for the contradictory remarks coming out of the military. The most logical is that the Russian leader is seriously ill and unable to deal with the Chechen crisis personally. However, conspiracy theorists suggest that the whole crisis has been deliberately orchestrated in an effort to put pressure on the rebels at the negotiating table, where currently they seem to hold the

advantage, A third cynical explanation is that President Yeltsin has deliberately placed General Lebed, his ambitious security adviser, in an impossible position, calculating that his popularity and credibility will be damaged if his peace initiative

Russian artillery and warplanes went into action several times yesterday, hitting rebelheld districts of Grozny. As the deadline approached, a desperate trail of refugees fled their homes on foot carrying



Rodionov: sides with

what possessions they could. Aid agencies estimated that tens of thousands of civilians were on the move.

One appeal signed by residents of a central Grozny district explained the plight of the 200,000 inhabitants. "Our homes are continuously bombarded by heavy weapons. We are in a desperate state, without bread, water and light. There are no fighters in our houses, no soldiers, and no one is firing from them, but hombardment never stops," the appeal read.

America, Britain, France and Germany protested about the threatened offensive and urged Russia to call off its anack. The Foreign Office last night expressed deep concern about Russian warnings of a new assault on Grozny and said that the way forward lay in dialogue.

In Moscow, Aleksi II, the Russian Orthodox Patriarch, broke his silence and con-demned the death of innocents. The Chechen problem can only be resolved by peaceful means," said the country's spiritual leader.

Scenes of panic: British and Irish volunteers delivering emergency medical supplies to Grozny described scenes of panic as terrified residents fled the threatened Russian bombardment. Volunteers for London-based Medical Emergency Relief International saw truckloads of patients being evacuated from hospitals and floods of refugees clogging the roads out of Grozny. But they said thousands of civilians were refusing to leave their homes and some doctors were preparing to work in their hospitals under fire.

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A child poses with a gun in Grozny yesterday as thousands fled the Chechen capital

Bossi denounces judges over move to end immunity

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

UMBERTO BOSSI, leader of the separatist Northern League, vesterday angrily dismissed moves to bring charges against him over his inflammatory rhetoric, declaring: "I do not recognise the

judges of colonial Italy." But public prosecutors from three North Italian towns -Milan, Bergamo and Tolmez-zo — asked MPs to lift Signor Bossi's parliamentary immunity so he could be charged. The Speaker's office said a ruling would be given next month, when Signor Bossi plans to declare "indepen-dence" for Padania, the League's name for northern Italy. "I don't give a damn". Signor Bossi told La Stampa when asked about the legal moves. "We all know what the magistrature is. There is a war of nerves between Rome and Padania, and it will be a tough battle ... but we Padanians are willing to die for freedom." He said he was willing to have his immunity lifted to face the

Signor Bossi is a powerful orator with an ability to whip up northern resentment of rule by Rome, arguing that 'wastrels" in the poorer south. He has become increasingly militant, describing both President Scalfaro and Luciano Violante, the Speaker, as Fascists" for their defence of national unity. Under Italian post-war law, to call someone a Fascist is an offence. Signor Bossi accused "De-

partment D" of the Italian secret services of seeking to discredit him, although the Interior Ministry said no such department existed.

He also accused RAI, the state broadcasting company. of "ethnic cleansing" for excluding him from the airwaves, although it is difficult to turn the television on without seeing Signor Bossi berating his opponents in his gravelly voice. "We will silence the swine who speak for Rome." Signor Bossi told one rally, urging the crowd to burn down RAI transmitters.

low key reaction, meanwhile, to the formation of another breakaway state": the principality of Seborga, in Liguria. on the Italian Riviera coast. With 300 or so inhabitants. two grocery stores and a "militia" of only 13, Seborga is unlikely to rouse the same concerns as Padania.

Government officials said the move was "obviously intended to boost tourism". On the other hand, the Seborga declaration also has its origins in resentment of Rome. The leader of the new "mini-state" is Prince George I - in real life a 63-year-old florist named Georgio Carbone, who has been fighting for years to restore independence to Seborga. The town, which held a "referendum" on independence from Italy last year. declared UDI at midnight on Tuesday on the Feast of San Bernardo — its patron saint.

Mafia boss held in Barcelona

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

GIUSEPPE CARNOVALE, ed scores of murders, and to among the most wanted and dangerous of Italy's matiosi, has been arrested by Spanish police at a hideout in Raccelona.

Carnovale is the principal leader of the N'Drangheta. the close-knit Calabrian mafia which leapt to international notoriety in the 1980s with a series of kidnappings and "contract" killings. He is believed to have lived in Pedralbes, a prosperous district of Barcelona, since 1994. Sought by the Italian police and Interpol, the 45-year-old

Carnovale has an impressive drug-trafficking and gun-runis known to have mastermindhave killed at least six men personally. The most spectacular of all his crimes was the murder in Bologna, in October 1989, of a rival mafia boss.

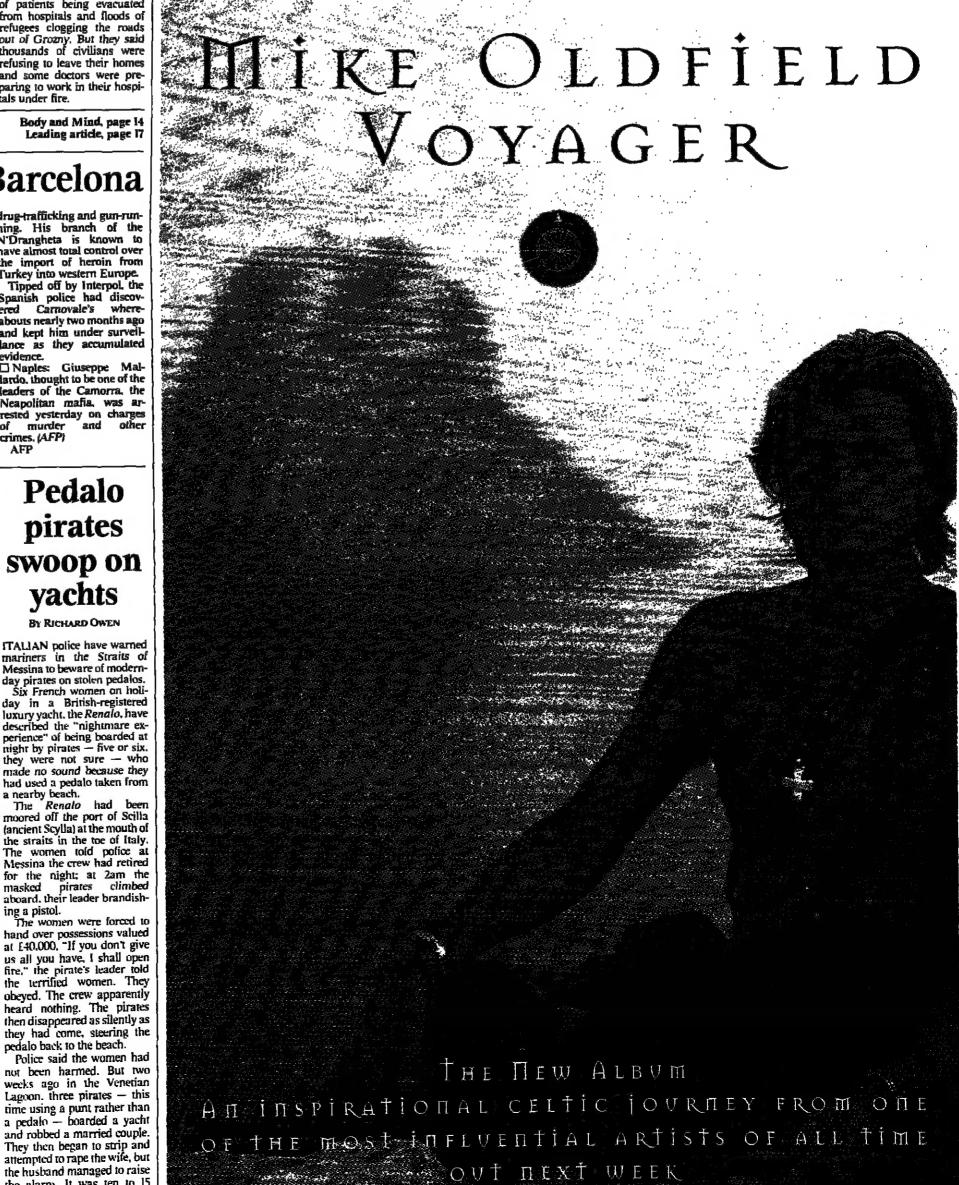
There is evidence to suggest that the trademark N'Drangheta activity - the abduction wealthy individuals, followed by the delivery of a severed body part to the family as pressure to pay the - was one that Carnovale relished.

He presided over an extensive empire, spanning prosti-

criminal curriculum vitae. He ning. His branch of the N'Drangheta is known to Turkey into western Europe. Tipped off by Interpol, the

Spanish police had discovered Carnovale's whereabouts nearly two months ago and kept him under surveillance as they accumulated evidence.

☐ Naples: Giuseppe Mallardo, thought to be one of the leaders of the Camorra, the Neapolitan mafia, was arrested yesterday on charges murder and other crimes. (AFP) AFP



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Pedalo pirates swoop on yachts

BY RICHARD OWEN ITALIAN police have warned

Messina to beware of modernday pirates on stolen pedalos. Six French women on holiday in a British-registered luxury yacht, the Renalo, have described the "nightmare experience" of being boarded at night by pirates — five or six. they were not sure - who made no sound because they had used a pedalo taken from a nearby beach. The Renato had been

moored off the port of Scilla (ancient Scylla) at the mouth of the straits in the toe of Italy. The women told police at Messina the crew had retired for the night; at 2am the masked pirates climbed aboard, their leader brandishing a pistol. The women were forced to

hand over possessions valued at £40,000, "If you don't give us all you have. I shall open fire," the pirate's leader told the terrified women. They obeyed. The crew apparently heard nothing. The pirates then disappeared as silently as they had come, steering the pedalo back to the beach. Police said the women had

not been harmed. But two weeks ago in the Venetian Lagoon, three pirates - this time using a punt rather than a pedalo - boarded a yacht and robbed a married couple. They then began to strip and attempted to rape the wife, but the husband managed to raise the alarm. It was ten to 15 minutes before maritime police arrived, by which time the pirates escaped.

review of tough immigration law

THE French Interior Minister asked the highest administrative court yesterday to review immigration laws, as the Government struggled to end a politically damaging row over a seven-week hunger strike by African immigrants.

Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, summoned ministers for crisis consultations and Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minprotesters' chief spokesman after days of refusing to discuss a compromise.

The nine remaining hunger strikers, part of a group of 300 African immigrants who have occupied the Saint Bernard Church in Paris since June 28, have vowed to continue their fast until they are granted residence permits.

In an attempt to end the impasse, the Government said the position of the immigrants would be examined on an individual basis "within the framework of the law, taking account of particular human situations and notably their family circumstances".

M Debre's appeal yesterday to the Council of State is specifically aimed at clearing up a possible contradiction in tough 1993 immigration laws

expelled or granted rights of agreed to clarify the position of immigrants with children

born in France before 1993. But in a statement issued after the meeting of nine ministers, the Government insisted that "illegal immigration must be combatted".

Last week M Debré gave a warning that the protesters would be subjected to the "letter of the law", but that uncompromising stance has wavered as hundreds of celebrities, politicians and members of the public have flocked to the defence of the protesters and a split over the issue has appeared within the ruling coalition. M Juppé cut short his holiday in the south of France and flew back to Paris

to deal with the confrontation. On Tuesday night one of the original ten hunger strikers, mostly Malian men in their 20s. was taken to hospital and placed on an intravenous drip. Two others are in "serious" condition, volunteer doctors said yesterday as the protesters began their forty-eighth day without food.

Replying to a letter yester day from Marina Vlady, the actress, one of many media notables to have taken up the immigrants' cause, M Debré

sounded a more conciliatory note and promised he would not separate mothers from their children. "It is essential that the necessary enforcement of republican law takes the human aspect into consid-

Some of the protesters ringing the church in the Goutte d'Or district have threatened to chain themselves to the hunger strikers if the police attempted a forcible eviction. Yesterday M Juppe held talks with the speakers of both

houses of parliament and the

heads of parties within the

ruling coalition in a bid to find

a way out of the deadlock. The Right is on the verge of a nervous breakdown," the left-of-centre newspaper Libération declared as some members of the coalition called for compromise, while others maintained calls for swift and forceful government action to

send the protesters home.

The situation has been comolicated by the varied status of the immigrants: some have lived in France for many years or have children born here, others are liable to immediate expulsion under the 1993 "Pasqua" laws, framed by Charles Pasqua, the hardline former Interior Minister, while still



Claudie André-Deshays who is trying to rekindle French interest in space

Astronaut takes French cuisine to new heights

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE first Frenchwoman in space. Claudie André-Deshays, has taken another giant step into the hearts of her countrymen by taking a fine bottle of French wine with her to the Mir space station, along with some of the country's greatest gastronomic delicacies.

The 39-year-old expert in neuroscience set off towards the orbiting Russian station last weekend with a deafening blast of national pride.

Mme André-Deshay's mission is to study the effects of weightlessness on the human body and test the fertility of salamanders at zero gravity. More broadly, her job is to rekindle French public interest in space study after the catastrophic failure of Ariane 5, in which France is the main investor, on its maiden flight two months ago.

Amid the hubbub of the launch. France's space chief quietly conceded that Mme Andre-Deshay's 16-day mission is likely to be the last of its kind. François Fillon, the minister in charge of France's space projects, was quick to deny that President Chirac's absence from the festivities was a sign of the Government's dwindling interest, but he noted that "short-term flights, as they have been carried out with

Widow is

cleared

of murder FROM ROGER MAYNARD

IN SYDNEY THE widow of a Scottish-born

television executive who was murdered in Australia has

been cleared of any involve-

Returning an open verdict

yesterdayon the death of Rich-

ard Diack, 41, the coroner agreed that the police initially

had "reasonable grounds" for

believing that Peruvian-born

Emilia Bresciani had a motive

for the murder. "But there is

no evidence she was directly

husband or indirectly in-

volved," he added. She had

Diack was bludgeoned to

death with a brick while

bushwalking in the Blue

Mountains near Sydney in

Diack's diary, which his widow had tried to erase from

a computer disc, revealed that

he had intended to leave her.

But yesterday Ms Bresciani

said: "My perception was that

it was a good marriage. His

perception was one that was

rather surprising to me."

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alibis for the day in question.

ment in his death.

the Russians up to now, appear to be over". Two similar Franco-Russian projects planned for 1998 and 1999 are likely to be cancelled, Le Figaro reported this week with budget restraints putting increasing pressure on CNES, the French space agency. As France's cultural am-

bassador to space, Mme Andre-Deshays has so far pressed all the right buttons. Her decision to take a bottle of Alsacian wine, a 1994 Gewürtztraminer grand cru, was seen as a demonstration of support for French products. The wine must be drunk from a plastic bottle a "sacrilege" according to one newspaper - since glasses

could break. Only the satirical magazine Le Canard Enchaîne carped that Mme André-Deshays is not from Alsace but a native of Burgundy, and wondered whether some extraterrestrial sponsorship deal had been arranged.

Mme Andre-Deshays has. like most French travellers. taken her own supplies so she does not have to put up with the local food. The menu for her fortnight in space includes calamars a l'armoricaine (squid), espadon basqaise (swordfish), daube (beef stew) and quail.

Palestinian

area feels

cash strain

FROM ROSS DUNN

A UNITED Nations envoy

Palestinian Authority could

face financial collapse within

weeks because of Israel's clo-

sure of the West Bank and

The closure was imposed in

March after a wave of suicide

bombings against Israelis and has prevented thousands of

Palestinians from working in

the Jewish quarter. As a result

Mohammed Shteyeh, of the

for Development and Recon-

struction, said that the economy in the Palestinian self-rule

areas was "worse than at any

Mr Shteyeh and Terje

Larsen, the UN's Special Co-

ordinator in the Palestinian

Territories, were speaking at

El-Bireh on the West Bank.

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Larsen, who described the

closure as draconian, said

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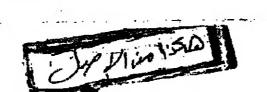
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'No side has a monopoly of virtue or should bear responsibility for all the abuses that occurred'

De Klerk owns up to wrongs of the past

nor in arro gance, but deeply conscious of my responsibility ... to be open, frank and helpful ... to stand by those who served under me ... to admit that which was wrong, to defend that which was right and to continue to build bridges in

our quest for reconciliation. It is a gross injustice to put all the blame for the conflicts of the past on the shoulders of the National Party ... the killing, torture and intimidation of so many black South Africans by the revolutionary movements cannot simply be justified by the struggle against apartheid.

The National Party is prepared to admit its many mistakes of the past and is genuinely repentant ... and we have gone on our knees before God Almighty to pray for His forgiveness.

We are all children of our times and the product of the cultural and political circumstances into which we were born and with which we grew up. Deplorable as it may now seem, until the middle of the century hardly anyone in the Europeandominated world considered that the indigenous peoples of the far-flung colonial empires were ready to rule themselves.

However, in the 15 years petween 1955 and 1970, most If the countries of Africa were granted independence. The receding empires left the whites of South Africa increasingly isolated and out of step with the rest of

humanity. We thought that we could solve the complex problems that confronted us by giving each of the ten distinguishable black South African nations self-government and

A partial text of F. W. de Klerk's submission to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

communwealth of South African states.

The homelands were too small, too poor and economieally too unauractive to provide a decent livelihood for all their citizens. It was evident that the great majority of black South Africans totally rejected the concept of separate development. The policy of separate development had clearly failed.

Those who fought on the side of the Government believed that they were defending their country against what they perceived to be the aggressive expansion of

Soviet Communism. On the other hand, those who fought against the Government were often equally convinced that they were fighting against a bastion of capitalism and imperialism.

The great majority of those

who served in the security forces during the conflict were honourable, professional and dedicated men and women. They were convinced that their cause was just, necessary and legitimate. The revolutionary strategies adupted by the Government's opponents blurred distinctions between combatants and non-combatants, between legitimate and illegitimate targets, and between acceptable and un-

acceptable methods. In dealing with the unconventional strategies from the side of the Government, I want to make it clear from the outset that, within my knowledge and experience.



F.W. de Klerk, the former South African President, apologising before the Truth Commission yesterday

authorisation of assassination, murder, torture, rape, assault or the like ... Nor did I directly or indirectly, ever suggest, order or authorise such action.

The fundamental change of direction that I initiated ... was not supported by some elements in the security forces. My colleagues and I were accused along the

of being traitors. I suspect that many of the unauthorised actions now coming to light were at the time directed as much against the transformation process as they were directed against

the revolutionary threat. Obviously, there rests an overall responsibility on the leadership of the various parties, organisations and

taken by them personally in their ministerial capacity. Reconciliation ... cannot also repentance on all sides.I

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South Afri-

Commission fails to heal wounds of apartheid era

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

DURING the long years of the anti-apartheid struggle. African National Congress activists dreams of the day when South Africa would stage its own "Judgment at Nuremberg" and arraign before a popular tribu-

nal the men who had inflicted apartheid on their compatriots. In the event, F.W. de Klerk's appearance at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was

a long way from such imaginings. Although Mr de Klerk had to dodge a crowd of angry protesters outside the hearings, he was warmly applauded by the audience inside. and while he accepted responsi-bility for human rights abuses committed when he was President, he insisted that these had never occurred by his deliberate order and that he had been

unaware of many of them.

Mr de Klerk agreed that apartheid had been a "mistaken" policy, but he laid blame on the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress for helping to "create circumstances and an atmosphere which were conducive to human rights abuses". Personally, he said, he felt he was blameless of any wrongdoing.

Alex Boraine, the commission's deputy chairman, interpreted this as an apology. "I don't think anyone should underestimate the power of a public leader, a former State President. saying sorry," he said, and argued that this would help the healing process which the commission claims to be leading. In fact. Mr de Klerk's statement was far from the mea culpa many had hoped for and was a masterfully bland performance. When the commission was set

up, heavily loaded with ANC supporters, the general assump-tion was that it would be used to hound Mr de Klerk and Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the mainly-Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, in particular. But the commission has not worked as expected. Packed with clerics and chaired by Archbishop Des-mond Tutu, it has often resembled a religious ceremony, with a good deal of praying, hymn singing and sermonising.

Many of its sessions have drawn sparse audiences and it

has not brought to book any of the long list of apartheid torturers and murderers. A number of witnesses have clearly been confused - one accused a young policeman on duty at the hearing of torture, although he could not

have been born at the time. Lawyers have frequently been shocked at the way the commission has allowed witnesses to make damaging allegations against individuals who are given no warning of the testimony nor any way of responding to it.

Ironically, to date it has been the ANC that has been most embarrassed by the commission. The testimony of General Bantu Holomisa that a member of the ANC Cabinet had accepted a bribe from Sol Kerzner, the casino magnate, crupted into a corruption scandal that still dogs the Government. Moreover, the party then drew the commission's ire by trying to insist that ANC members should seek advance veiting for their evidence and by sacking General Holomisa as a deputy minister.

The commission has brought out much eloquent witness about the wrongs of the past but it is doubtful that it has done as much for reconciliation as it claims. Its entire procedure was angrily rejected by the families of a number of victims who want justice and the commission has tried to treat forgiveness for atrocities as the

A poll just released shows that 60 per cent of the public believe that the commission's often gruesome disclosures could make race relations worse. The poll found that a majority of whites were hostile to the commission. but, strikingly, Coloureds and Indians were equally divided and only 51 per cent of blacks

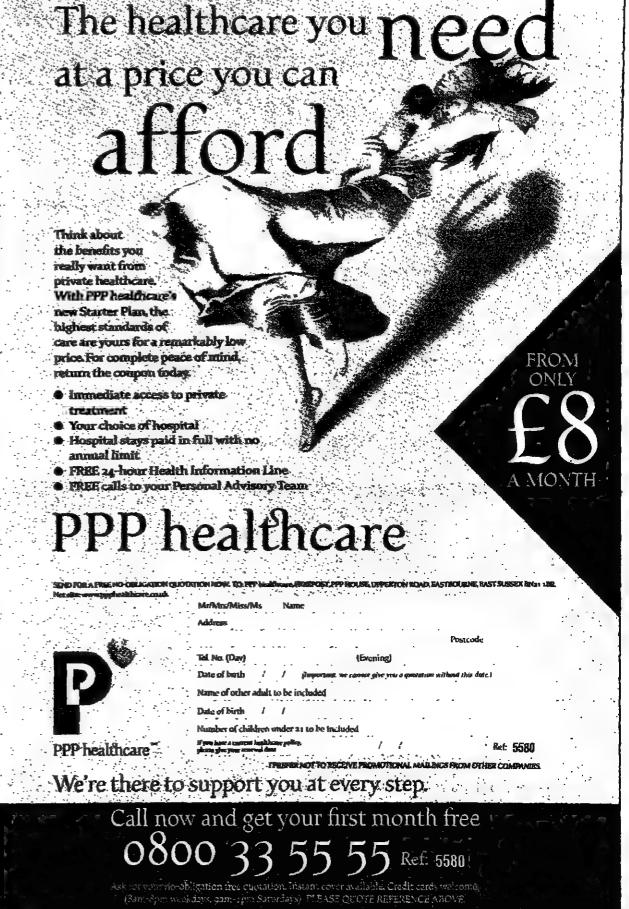
were positive. Such figures fall far short of expectations, though this may be no bad thing. Some people who testified about the 1976 Soweto uprising admitted that their memories of those events were no longer clear. South Africans have more than enough to worry about in the present and it surely a healthy sign that many. even those who suffered most, are starting to forget.



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Clinton begins build-up to starring role at convention

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON will make probably the longest and most dramatic entrance in convention history when the Democrats stage theirs in Chicago next week.

He will spend four days travelling to the Windy City by train through the American heartlands, completing the journey with a boat ride across Lake Michigan. At the convention, he will announce an imporant new policy initiative

A helicopter with a satellite tracking dish will follow the train to beam nightly film of his approach into the convention hall, The idea behind all this is to generate some real news during a suspense-free convention - Bob Dole, Mr Clinton's Republican opponent, was at least able to announce his running mate. The organisers also hope to work up a thunderous reception when Mr Clinton finally arrives to accept his party's nomination next Thursday

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church destroyed by arson.
On Tuesday, yesterday and again today he scheduled televised White House signing ceremonies for Bills raising the statutory minimum wage, guaranteeing continued health insurance for those who lose or change their jobs, and reforming the welfare system. Finally, by week's end, 400,000 copies of Mr Clinton's new book, Between Hope and History, setting out his "new Democrat" vision, will appear across the country.

Fighter planes grounded

MUST END SOON

Washington: The US Air Force combat command has cancelled most air operations tomorrow for a safety review after four crashes. including one involving one of President Clinton's support planes last Saturday, in which all nine on board died.

The Air Combat Command. which has 980 combat planes in the US, Panama, Iceland and Portugal, said all routine operations have been cancelled for one day. Units are to spend the day examining operations. (Reuter)

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done their best to inject some

drama into next week's proceed-

ings in the Chicago Bull's new

basketball stadium. Monday's

opening night will feature an appearance by Christopher Reeve,

the Superman actor paralysed by

a riding accident last year, and an

emotional film tribute to Ron

Brown, the Commerce Secretary

who died when his aircraft

Tuesday night, dedicated to "the family", will include speeches by

Mrs Clinton, who must somehow match Elizabeth Dole's riveting

performance at the Republican

convention, Mrs Gore, and Evan

Bayh, the young Indiana Gover-

nor who will deliver the keynote

speech. Wednesday night will

crashed in Croatia last April.

consist of attacks on the Republican agenda, though personal jabs at Mr Dole have been forbidden. Then Mr Clinton will be formally nominated by Senator Chris Dodd Connecticut, the party chairman.

The convention will reach a climactic conclusion on Thursday night with Mr Clinton's formal acceptance speech in which he intends finally to unveil his agenda for a second term.

Striking a pre-convention sour note, Mr Clinton's lead in the giant state of California has halved to just ten points in the wake of the Republican convention in San Diego, Mr Clinton cannot recapture the White House without winning the Golden State. ☐ Free speech: The US Federal

Communications Commission gave television networks the goahead yesterday to offer the main candidates free air time during the November presidential election. The agency ruled that proposals

for free time made by Rupert Murdoch's Fox Network. ABC, and the Public Broadcasting Service did not violate the "equal time" provisions of federal communications law. (Reuter)



President Clinton holds Charles Duval. four. on his lap during the White House signing of a Bill raising America's minimum wage

Flight 800 team urge dredging of seabed

FROM JAMES BONE

FRUSTRATED investigators are considering dredging the sandy ocean floor off Long Island for clues about the cause of the crash of TWA Flight 800.

Divers searching for debris in the 100ft waters are expected to complete their work in the key wreckage field nearest to J. F. Kennedy airport by the end of the month. Discussions are now under way about scraping the seabed in the area for small pieces of the Paris-bound jumbo jet.

Investigators are focusing on the right central portion of the Boeing 747 as the likely source of the explosion on July 17 that killed all 230 people aboard. Many of the economy class seats on the right side of rows 17 to 28 are still missing, although the salvage effort has recovered seats from all other parts of the passenger cabin. The few seats from those rows that have been found show much more burn damage than those from other areas.

Sections of the right-side fuselage and the right wing were also heavily charred, while equivalent parts from the left of the aircraft showed fewer burns. A preliminary test conducted on a portion of the right wing found traces of a component of a plastic explosive, but later laboratory analysis failed to confirm the result.

Most investigators apparently believe a bomb blew the plane out of the sky. Charles Wetli, the coroner, told local legislators this week that he believed the plane had been bombed, but that he had no

The latest evidence from the cockpit voice recorder casts some doubt on the bomb theory, however, because the sudden loud noise at the end of the tape differs from the sound recorded in the bombing of PanAm Flight 103. The noise is said to be about the same length as that aboard PanAm Flight 103, but growing less rapidly in intensity and not as

sharp.
The TWA tape has also been compared with the recording from a Philippine Air Lines jet whose fuel tank exploded in 1990, but the result was inconclusive.

California prison guards bet on fatal 'gladiator' contests

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA'S most dreaded maximum security prison was the scene of gladiatorstyle contests between prisoners, with guards betting on the outcome and even shooting combatants to stop their brawling, an FBI investiga-

In a series of shocking disclosures that will not help the grim reputation of the state's jails, former guards from Corcoran State Prison have described staged fights supervised by officers in a socalled shooting gailery.

Six inmates died and more than 50 were wounded in shooting incidents in the prison's first six years after open ing as a modern jail in 1988. Most casualties were from a unit for the "baddest of the bad", paired off because they were known enemies and hardened fighters. FBI

sources told the Los Angeles

A 9mm rifle and a gas gun firing wooden blocks were at the disposal of guards in a shooting tower over the Special Housing Unit's exercise yard, according to the chief vitness in the FBI's Corcoran investigation. Because of their violent records, the unit's prisoners were allowed to exercise only two at a time. Guards on a particular morning watch hand-picked exercise partners, goaded them to fight, placed bets on who would win, and frequently used the gas gun and rifle in

violation of prison rules, one prison officer said. Federal officials launched their investigation after relatives of a former gang member - shot dead by mistake in one such fight - decided to sue the state of California. Preston Tate, jailed for rape, was shot in 1994. A video obtained by his family's lawyers shows a prisoner preparing to charge him in the exercise yard. A builet then enters Tate's head.

Other brutal rituals uncovered in the investigation include the beating of shackled prisoners by black-gloved guards in a routine known as greet the bus", and forcing inmates to stand barefoot on scorching asphalt. Prison medical officers were told that their patients had been playing "barefoot handball".

Corcoran has been home to such notorious criminals as the serial murderer Charles Manson and Sirhan Sirhan. Robert: Kennedy's assassin.

The former prison chief admitted that some guards had "gone crazy", but denied losing control of the prison.

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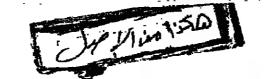


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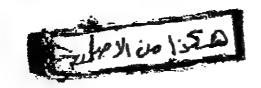
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Price curbs final, says regulator

British Gas rejects Ofgas compromise

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE GAS regulator yesterday offered British Gas a price control compromise for TransCo, its pipelines business, in one of the most significant regulatory re-thinks in the privatised

The company rejected the proposals, which will cut bills next year by an average of £28 and set the two sides on course for a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry.

British Gas's rejection comes after what is seen as a substantial modification of pricing proposals announced in May in which Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, has re-written a crucial valuation formula for TransCo's assets. Philip Rogerson, British Gas's deputy chairman, said it was "highly probable" the matter would go to the MMC if Ms Spottiswoode did not relent. Ms Spottiswoode, however, has said that curbs which would reduce charges 20 per cent next year and thereafter by RPI-2.5 per cent for four years were final

The proposals would cut revenues by £650 million next year and the bill reductions for domestic users would scale up to £55 per household by 2001.

The regulator has compromised on early plans which provoked a fierce reaction from the company and shareholders. The one-off charge is at the bottom of the proposed range, which stretched to 28 per cent while the X factor for RPI has been halved from 5per cent. Central to the propos-lals is the lifting of the company's asset base figure to £11.7

billion compared with Ofgas's provisional range of between E9 billion and EII billion. Ms Spottiswoode said she had rewritten the valuation to avoid accusations of retrospective regulation. She admitted that she had come under pressure from shareholders over her first controversial valuation of the business which, it was argued. flew in the face of valuation calcula-

tions by the MMC in 1993. She said that she and her Ofgas advisers felt "uncomfortable" over the re-writing of the asset base. But she said a reference in the MMC report argued against retrospective regulation and that the lower valuation of the business could be seen as an attempt to claw back revenues which the company had earned in the previous review.

Ms Spottiswoode termed the new proposals "a very



Rogerson: rejection

good compromise for shareholders and for consumers. She has also, after about 60 meetings between the two sides since May, offered TransCo the option to have a new price review after three years instead of the usual five.

One City analyst said: "This represents a substantial climbdown by the regulator and one which the National Grid will look on with interest." The National Grid, the electricity industry's monopoly equivalent to TransCo, is facing a similar review in which the electricity regulator has proposed a comparable set of curbs.

Mr Rogerson said: "She has hardly shifted position at all. She has merely erased one or two of the more extreme parts of the proposals." British Gas maintains its original warning over jobs. In May it said the cuts would mean that 10,000 jobs would have to go. Yesterday Mr Rogerson said: We are sticking by our pre diction for jobs and that it will affect 8.000 to 10.000.1

Ms Sportiswoode accused the company of playing a public relations game with jobs and with the effects of her

The company has until October 7 to decide whether or not to accept the proposals. there will be further talks although Ms Spottiswoode is adamant that they will only involve "fine print". British Gas shares rose 62p to 204½ p.



Pennington, page 25 Clare Spottiswoode felt "uncomfortable" rewriting the asset base

Unexpected decline in high street shop sales

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

BRITISH retail sales dropped unexpectedly last month, unable to match the bumper shopping spree enjoyed in June.

But statisticians and City economists say that the trend of sales remains firmly upwards as consumers respond to tax cuts, lower interest rates and recovery in the housing market.

At the same time, the faliback last month helped to allay fears that Britain was heading for a Eighties-style consumer boom and the

threat of higher inflation. Some even said that the figures could give ammunition to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, if he wanted to cut base rates once more this

Retail sales dropped 0.6 per cent between June and July, but were 2.2 per cent higher than a year ago. Taking the past three months, compared with the previous three, which the Office for National Statistics believes gives a better idea of underlying trends, sales were up 1.1 per cent.
Against May and July last

year, sales were up 2.7 per cent. This is the same yearon-year rise as recorded in June. Both are the highest rate of growth since Decem-

The ONS said that June's rise of 1.3 per cent was revised upwards yesterday to an increase of 1.4 per cent.

Phillip Oppenheim, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, said that in spite of the fall in sales between June and July, taking the two months together showed that there was still a "healthy upward trend" in sales. Those areas of spending that were weak-est in July — the most

important month for summer sales - were those that showed most strength in June. Clothing and footwear fell

2.2 per cent in July, but had risen by almost 6 per cent in June. Analysts believe that this category of spending received a boost from good weather in June and also from spending by overseas visitors in Britain for the European football championships.

Household goods sales fell 0.4 per cent in July, compared with June. Jonathan Loynes, economist with HSBC Markets, noted that the falls in clothing and footwear and household goods came in spite of evidence of very heavy price discounting in the summer

Retail prices figures last week showed that clothing retailers slashed prices by almost 5 per cent in July.

Alex Garrard, economist at UBS, said: "For the time being at least, the Chancellor contin ues to lead a charmed life, with a benign cocktail of soft inflation and apparently moderating consumer activity increasing his leeway to push for a further cut following the September 4 meeting | between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England). However, Michael

Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, cautioned against a rate cut. He said that June and July sales taken together showed a steady pickup in spending and that figures for notes and coins in circulation as well as John Lewis sales figures suggested that sales had remained reasonably strong in August.

This week's figures for new mortgage commitments point the same way.

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Boardroom bans

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Slow build up Marley, the building

materials group, yesterday unveiled a fall in underlying profits in the first half and said that while most overseas markets were recovering, the UK remains gloomy. Page 25, Tempus 26

Milk prices to fall when demand low

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE Office of Fair Trading is enforcing a series of changes to the system of selling milk that should see prices fall when demand is low.

John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading, stopped short of referring the milk industry to the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-sion, Instead, Milk Marque. the body that controls two-thirds of the milk supply in England and Wales, has assured him that it will change the way it prices milk sold to the dairy companies. The OFT's action received a

"cautious welcome" from the

Dairy industry Federation, which has repeatedly clashed with Milk Marque since it took over from the Milk Marketing Board in November 1994. Although Milk Marque's pricing mechanism allowed prices to rise when there was excess demand, it did not allow a corresponding fall when demand was weak

Dairy companies bid for milk

in occasional pricing rounds. Milk Marque has agreed that if it receives offers for less than 90 per cent of the milk available, it will start a new round of bidding at a lower price. Although this is effectively what happened in the latest pricing round. Milk Marque has previously enjoyed a very large amount of discretion. John Price, director-general

Milk Marque has made up the rules as it went along and no one has known what it was doing." A cap will also be placed on Milk Marque's opening price. The organisation will also have to publish its forecasts of the

of the DIF. said: "Until now.

amount of milk available, and information on bids made. Milk Marque said it regarded the OFT's announcement as confirmation that it operated a fair, market-related selling system. It hoped this "will clear the air once and for all".

West Ham share plan under fire

By JASON NISSE

WEST HAM UNITED, the Premiership football club, will today face a rebellion against its controversial plans to restrict the transfer of shares in the company. The plans allow the board to refuse to register transfers of under 100 shares. West

Ham shares trade at about £200 each. Shane Barber, chairman of the Hammers Independent shareholders has proxies or support from holders of 3,000 of West Ham's 100,000 shares and will be voting aganist the motion. The motion in unlikely to be

blocked as the board controls 90 per cent of its shares. Meanwhile, Brewin Dolphin, the broker, is trying to unravel the mess caused when it was asked by West Ham to sell 100 shares that belonged to a shareholder who had died. The shareholder's family says it owns the shares and West Ham is now trying to buy them back.

SFA imposes lifetime bans

BY ROBERT MILLER

A CITY watchdog has banned three people from working in the City for life including a former financial controller of Barclays Stockbrokers who is now serving a two-year prison entence for embezzlement.

The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the regulator for brokers and futures traders. vesterday announced that Robin Jenkins, 41, who worked in the Glasgow offices of Barclays Stockbrokers and who stole £176,525 and transferred the money to his own accounts had been expelled from SFA registers and ordered to pay £1,000 in costs. Jenkinswas sent to prison in April.

In a separate case, Simon Burch, who was dismissed by Henry Cooke Lumsden, the stockbroker, was struck-off the SFA's registers and ordered to pay £6,500 in costs. Mr Burch was found guilty of taking a copy of a letter to the SFA setting out the grounds for his dismissal and scanning it into his home computer. He led the group's management.

then altered the letter leaving out references both to the SFA and the reasons for his dismissal before sending it to a prospective employer.

Kikuo Watanabe was also expelled from the SFA registers and ordered to pay costs of £3,100 while his former employer. New Japan Securities Europe, was fined £10,000 with costs of £4,700. Mr Watanabe, who has returned to Japan, entered into highly speculative and unmatched foreign exchange trading deals and attempted to hide the subsequent losses by "deceitful accounting entries".

In a fourth case, John Ludlam, who formerly worked for Salomons, the investment and banking house, on the European Equines Desk, was reprimanded by the SFA, fined E5,000 and ordered to pay costs of £4,000. Mr Ludiam mismarked shares in a Belgian company to conceal losses on

trading activities and then mis-

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Irish tea goes cold on Unilever surprised that Unilever is persisting holders the same price paid to Allied the usual 60-day takeover timetable. It

By PAUL DURMAN

THE minority shareholders in Lyons Irish Holdings, the company that has 60 per cent of the Irish Republic's tea market, are holding out against a bid from Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and detergents group.

By the first closing date of the offer

on Tuesday, Unilever Ireland had won acceptances from only 79,000 of the outstanding 7.5 million shares. Pierce Butter, chairman of Lyons trish, said this result was a resounding rejection of the Unilever offer. He was

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with its offer of 1r323.3p a share. He said: "We don't think it's a reasonable

offer. The shareholders don't either." Unilever completed the Ir £73 million purchase of its existing 75 per cent stake in Lyons Irish last month. The stake was bought from Allied Domecq. which has been selling off its food interests since the merger between Allied Lyons and Domecq. Unilever quickly moved to buy in the minority. which is divided between 1,200 private

and institutional investors. conditions, Unilever is not subject to Although Unilever is offering share-

Domecq, local stockbrokers have rejected the bid as unacceptably low. One firm has suggested a fair price for Lyons Irish would be more than Ir400p a share, arguing that Allied Domecq was a distressed seller.

Such a move seems highly unlikely. A Unilever spokesman said: "We are keeping the offer open, but if we are not successful, it's not the end of the world. We operate with minority shareholders in other areas - India, for example." Since it is making an offer without

notice - though it has only until the end of November to secure the necessary 80 per cent level of acceptances among the minority. The Irish are heavy tea-drinkers, and catering to them has made Lyons

has extended its offer until further

Irish one of the Irish Republic's most consistently successful companies. It made Ir£4.5 million in its most recent half year, from sales of EI4.3 million. It has been criticised for failing to find a better use for a cashpile that has grown to about £50 million.

Mersey losses force sale of **Eurolink**

By CARL MORTISHED

MERSEY DOCKS and Harbour Company is shutting down its passenger ferry service from England to Holland after losses of £4.5 million in the half-year to June.

The poor performance of Eurolink contributed to a 17 per cent fall in pre-tax profits £13.9 million, Mersey Docks predicted yesterday that losses in the second half could reach £2.5 million.

Mersey Docks is now seeking a buyer for Eurolink, which operates two vessels from Sheerness to Vlissingen, and the company claims that freight volumes on the route

are increasing.

Mersey Docks, however, indicated that the total cost of shutting down the operation when boat charters expire next April could amount to a further £3 million. That could bring the total losses from Eurolink to £13 million since Mersey Docks took over from Olau Line 18 months ago.

The slide in half-year profits also includes a weak performance from Mersey Dock's Irish Sea shipping businesses. Overcapacity caused a 19 per cent fall in profits at Coastal Container Line to £961,000 and a £633,000 loss from its half share in Merchant Ferries.

Mersey Docks is considering a new offer to striking dockworkers at the Port of Liverpool, a dispute which cost the company £600.000 during the period.

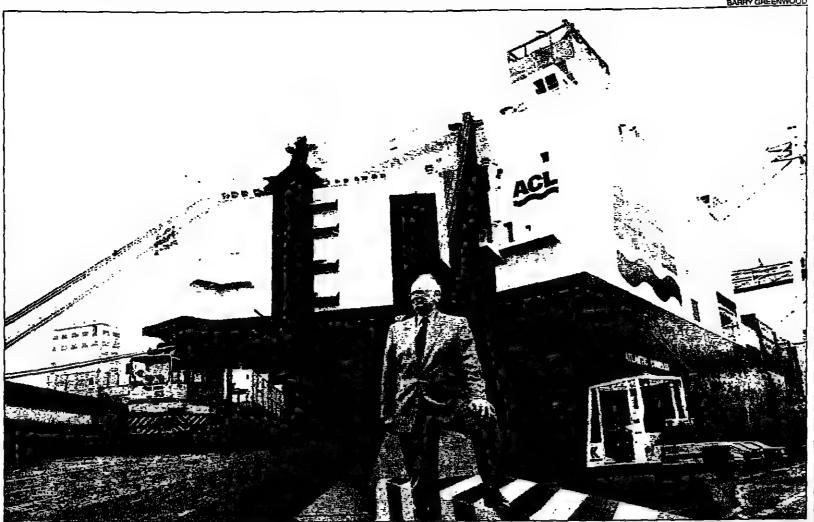
The Transport and General Workers Union has requested further meetings with Mersey Docks, which has indicated it is willing to negotiate. It is unlikely to agree to reinstate any of the 329 strikers sacked in September last year.

The company, where Trevor Furlong is chief executive, said it had incurred severance costs of £945,000 as a result of 42 voluntary redundancies after the closure of

two stevedoring businesses. Gordon Waddell, Mersey Docks chairman, said it was a matter of deep regret that the dispute had not been resolved. "The unofficial lead ers of the dismissed dockers remain intransigent and continue to press their original demands which are wholly

unacceptable." Mersey Docks withdrew its offer of £25,000 compensation per man when ACL a shipping customer left Liverpool earlier this year after pressure from strikers. ACL has since returned to the port.

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Trevor Furlong faces losses from the poor performance of Eurolink, overcapacity on the Irish Sea routes and a long-running dock dispute

Huge increase in number of boardroom disqualifications

By Jon Ashworth

THE Government yesterday reiterated its determination to stamp out corporate misconduct, as new figures showed a huge rise in the number of boardroom bans. John Taylor. Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, said the Insolvency Service was on a mission to rid the business world of unfit directors.

The number of directors' disqualifications leapt 83 per cent in the second quarter of the year, compared with the same

period last year. Mr Taylor said the figures were clear evidence that corporate misconduct was being crushed. He said: "There will be no hiding place for those who abrogate or neglect their responsibility. It is not possible to slip through the net."

Mr Taylor said: "Directors must be alert to their responsibilities to the company, its creditors and shareholders. If they are not, they can expect to have their conduct put under

public scrutiny by the courts. and feel the full force of the law." The Insolvency Service is an executive agency of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). In March, Frank Warren.

the boxing promoter, was banned from holding a directorship for seven years after a four-year investigation by the DTI. Mr Warren did not accept all the allegations made by the Official Receiver, but decided not to fight the ban

working commitments.. Terry Venables, the former England football manager, is scheduled to be in court on October 14, in a preliminary hearing arising from attempts to disqualify him over his business affairs. Stephen Hinchliffe, the

because of the pressure of

Sheffield businessman, is facing disqualification proceed-

ings. Another case is outstanding against John three months to end-June, compared with III in the same Gunn, former chairman of British & Commonwealth.

> ure to preserve company records, misusing bank accounts, false claims for VAT refunds, trading while insol-

on appeal.

More than 3,400 directors have been banned from holding office in the ten years since the Company Directors' Disqualification Act (1986) came into effect.

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Doubt cast on German rate cut

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

A STRONGER than expected German business survey caused more uncertainty in the markets about whether the Bundesbank will cut interest rates when it meets today.

The index published by the Ifo economic institute, a key barometer on confidence, bounced to 94.1 in July, its highest level for eight months. In June, the index had stood at a three-month low of 90.4. The

expenses rose to £91.7 million

(£87.3 million). In March the

society sold B&B Bauspar-

kasse, its small German sav-

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domestic trading conditions.

index was much healthier than analysts had expected with forecasts centred on 91. The news dented the belief that the Bundesbank would trim a little off its key money market repurchase rate after

this week's news of a relatively sharp slowdown in the annualised growth of German

M3 money supply. Otmar Issing, the Bundesbank's chief econo-

mist, last week appeared to leave the way open for a cut in the repo rate if M3 growth were to slow further. He also said that he was not particu-larly confident in the sustainability of the German

economic recovery. However, the Ifo reading appeared to suggest that there had been a sudden surge of confidence in economic prospects, casting some doubt on

whether the Bunddesbank will make a move. The Ifo survey boosted the mark against the dollar and

other European currencies and German bonds and shares fell. The main Frankfurt DAX share index closed floor trading 16.5 points down and extended its losses in postbourse electronic trade. French shares fell as hopes of a French rate cut faded.

tion proceedings fell sharply - 269 new cases, compared with 172 in the second quarter last year. Cittences ranged from Iaii

The insolvency Service is pre-

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for eight and four years re-

spectively. The bans were

increased to 12 and six years

The number of disqualifica-

tion orders soared to 203 in the

period in 1995. However, the

number of new disqualifica-

vent, and excessive remuneration and benefits.

B&B mutuality costs £1m a week

BY ROBERT MILLER

BRADFORD & Bingley has revealed that the cost of rethrough better interest rates for savers and borrowers as a sign of its commitment to mutuality, is running at about El million a week.

The UK's fourth largest building society, which yesterday unveiled pre-tax profits of £62.7 million in the six months to June 30 compared with £79.8 million, said new mortgage advances were up almost 90 per cent at £1.3 billion. Profits were also affected by fierce competition in the mortgage market and the society's prudent practice of incorporating the cost of mortgage cashacks into the accounts immediately.

Assets grew 10 per cent to £16_3 million, largely as a

Disgraced ex-banker quits trusts

By Jason Nissé

CHARLES CAVANAGH, the former Kleinwort Benson banker who was this week convicted of child pornography offences, has resigned from two investment trusts run by Kleinwort.

Bradford & Bingley, the largest high street provider of independent financial advise, The former priest, who is also a leading supporter of the increased commission earn-Labour Party, resigned from ings 75 per cent in the first his £300,000 a year job in the investment management side Commenting on the results of Kleinwort last year after Christopher Rodrigues, the new chief executive, said: "The police seized 80 pornographic videos, 29 of which involved results reflect the successful under-aged boys, from his home. Yesterday he resigned introduction of our members' from two Kleinwort trusts benefits initiative; confirm our success in the mortgage mar-ket; underline the importance

which invest in second-hand endowment policies. Steven Westwood, a Kleinwort director who is also on the board of both trusts, said that Cavanagh was allowed to stay on as a director while he decided what to do about his

French secure South East rail franchise

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE privatisation of British

Rail passenger services passed the halfway mark yesterday when the South East Trains commuter franchise, the third biggest on the network, was sold to a French transport firm.
The award of the £233 million a year franchise to CGEA, a subsidiary of the Compagnie Générale des Eaux group, means that nine train operators, accounting for 50 per cent of rail passenger revenue, are in private hands. The remaining 16 franchises

are expected to be sold by next The 15-year franchise includes a commitment from CGEA to replace all the ageing "slam door" rolling stock on commuter routes to east London and Kent by 2006. The first of the new air-

conditioned trains will come



Young: better services

into service during 1999, replacing the oldest BR trains still operating on the British mainland, dating from be-tween 1957 and 1961.

CGEA, which will operate under the name of Connex. also pledged to reduce the current £140 million a year subsidy to British Rail to

nothing and start contributing revenue to the Treasury by 2011. Other improvements include a £25 million investment programme in stations and passenger security, and new ticket systems and car parks. South East, which operates

from six main London stations, runs trains to southeast London. Kent, and parts of Sussex. It employs 4,000 staff. The award gives CGEA control of a swathe of commut-

er services across South East England, it already runs the Network South Central franchise from Victoria, Charing Cross and London Bridge to south London, Surrey, Sussex and the South Coast.

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, said the announcement was further proof that privatisation was delivering more and better

in 1992, has said that he is

interested in starting a new independent record label to

plug the growing gap in the

The new venture, called V2

records, is expected to be

launched in October. Mr

Branson was prevented from

launching a competing label

for three years under terms of

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Glasgow power plan faces public inquiry

A CONTROVERSIAL plan by PowerGen to build a power station on the site of a former steelworks near Glasgow is now set to go to a public inquiry after local councillors opposed the move. Power Gen said it regretted the decision by the planning committee of North Lanarkshire council and added: "We remain committed to our aim of delivering competitively priced electricity to customers in Scotland." In the first big foray north of the border by an English generator. PowerGen wants to build a E120 million gas-fired power station.

The move is being resisted by unions and Labour MPs. They claim that the plant would provide just 35 jobs, but threaten up to 1,000 other jobs in the Scottish power and mining industry. There is now likely to be a public inquiry. The Scottish TUC said: "There will be some relief in Scotland's power stations and coal industry that the immediate threat of closure and job cuts has been lifted."

Volvo concern eases

VOLVO, the Swedish automotive group, yesterday delivered a slightly higher than expected first-half profit, prompting a sigh of relief from financial markets. Analysts had expressed concern about Volvo's performance in the first six months as it battled against falling market share, higher costs and a production generation shift. But a first-half pre-tax profit of 3.86 billion Swedish crowns (£376.9 million) on sales of SKr78.06 billion, against SKr5.33 billion a year ago on SKr85.13 billion sales, appeased market fears, coming in a touch higher than the forecast SKr3.37 billion.

BA studies cargo link-up

PROSPECTS for closer links between the air cargo operations of British Airways and American Airlines are very favourable. Tom Harwood, American's cargo spokesman, said yesterday. A joint implementation group set up by the two carriers on aligning their cargo operations will present its findings at an August 29 meeting in New York to William Boesch. American's cargo president, and Kevin Hatton, managing director of BA World Cargo, Mr Harwood added. The presentation will cover "five key issues" on the feasibility of a more integrated operation, he said.

Porterbrook backing

STAGECOACH has received acceptances under its controversial £475 million bid for Porterbrook, the railway rolling stock company, in respect of all the shares subject to the offer. The offer remains conditional on the outcome of two extraordinary meetings to be convened for Stagecoach and Porterbrook shareholders next Tuesday. Details of elections made under the loan note, cash and additional share alternatives will be disclosed when the offers become unconditional in all respects next

Sabena recovery talks

SABENA, the Belgian national airline, launched a crucial round of talks with trade unions aimed at bringing the company back into profit from 1998. The airline needs to achieve additional savings of BFr 4.7 billion (£99 million) by 1998. Paul Reutlinger, chief executive, also proposes to sell Sabena's catering division and hire out cargo capacity. Swissair owns 49.5 per cent of Sabena. The rest is held by the Belgian state. Erik Sciep, Sabena spokesman, said the talks and unions had agreed not to comment until then.

Recycling jobs created

ALMOST 400 jobs will be created in a multi-million pound development to reclaim and recycle redundant oil and gas rigs. The scheme, unveiled by Able UK yesterday, believed to be the first of its kind in Europe, will be based at the former Graythorp construction yard on the Hartlepool side of the Tees estuary. It will handle redundant offshore structures and provide marine, engineering and associated services. The jobs will be

EW Fact degrees better

created over five years.

EW FACT, the business studies tutor, achieved record results for the six months to June 30 after it halved the price of its accountancy courses to lure back students who had left. Its expansion into business degrees and MBAs also helped to restore enrolment levels. Pre-tax profits more than trebled to £932,000 (£272,000) on sales of £5.48 million (£4.70 million). Earnings were 3.4p per share, up from lp. An interim payout of 0.9p, the first since 1994, will be paid on November 15. The shares rose 7p to a year high of 82p yesterday.

Shorco holds payout

SHORCO GROUP HOLDINGS, the plant hire and security accommodation company, is holding the interim dividend at 2p a share in spite of reporting pre-tax profits of £412,000, up from £313,000, in the half year to the June 30. Earnings were 4.4p a share, up from 3.6p. Comparable figures for 1995 were struck after the payment of £134,000 in compensation to a former director for loss of office. A contribution from Lydney Containers, acquired last year, had offset the impact of difficult trading conditions in the plant hire business.

Pay ahead of inflation

PAY deals in private companies this summer have been running ahead of inflation at between 3 per cent and 4 per cent, a report shows today. Recent settlements have been nearer 3 per cent, but it would be premature to assume that pay levels are set on a downward trend. Incomes Data Services, the pay analysts said. Pay awards are higher than a year ago and there is no evidence that settlements are moving downwards in step with inflation, which currently stands at

Polygram buys rest of Go! Discs from founder



Paul Weller is one of a number of talented performers nurtured by Go! Discs

By Alasdair Murray

POLYGRAM, the music and media company, yesterday bought out Go! Discs, the independent record company which has nurtured talent such as Paul Weller and Mercury Music Prize award

John Kennedy, chairman and chief executive of Polygram bought the remaining 51 per cent stake in the company for an undisclosed sum from Andy Macdonald, Go! Discs founder and managing director. Polygram first purchased a 49 per cent stake in the company

Go! Discs has developed a reputation as one of Britain's leading independent record companies since it was estab-

winners Portishead.

panies, which include PolyGram and EMI, have lished in 1983. The company started life with a playlist that included Billy Bragg and the Housemartins. Its current rosspent the last few years buying up successful independents and now control over 90 per ter includes the Beautiful South, Gabrielle and The cent of the music market Frank and Walters. Richard Branson, who sold his own Virgin record busi-ness for £560 million to EMI

Polygram UK, said that he was confident Go! would continue to discover and develop new talent. But Mr Macdonald has chosen to leave the company, despite the efforts of PolyGram to encourage him to stay on. He is understood to be reluctant to work within the framework

corporation. The six major record com-

Kmart stores climb back to the black

KMART, the struggling American rerailer, reported a profit for the second guarter ending July 31. Net income from continuing operations was \$34 million compared with a loss of \$54 million a year ago. Comparable results included a loss from discontinucd operations of \$76 million. Like-for-like sales rose i.o

per cent, although total sales for the 2,143 Kmart stores and 168 Builders Square retail outlets slipped 1.5 per cent to \$8.31 billion from \$8.44 billion. Comparable sales for US Kmart stores increased 2.2 per cent for the quarter, and 2.9 per cent for the first six months of 1996.



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☐ Ofgas compromise still spells sad future for TransCo ☐ Marque's role not settled ☐ A holidaymakers' charter

CLARE Spottiswoode has pulled a classic stroke, even if it is not entirely original. Her initial numbers suggested for British Gas were the most stringers imposed by the continuous of the cont gent imposed by any regulator. By reducing the two headline variables, the one-off cut and the ongoing price cap, she makes herself seem magnanimous, and undermines any protest from the company. Not for nothing is she

becoming our most popular regulator by far. Her other areas of cumpromise are a willingness to review the proposed new regime after three years, not five, and the placing of a higher valuation on British Gas itself. She initially said the TransCo International arm, to be demerged next year. was worth between £9 billion and Ell billion. Now, through clenched teeth it would seem, she is prepared to accept a valuation of £11.7 billion.

The methodology by which she has reached this is arcane, but it is likely to be the centre of the debate if the matter reaches the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Ofgas has taken the worth of the assets of British Gas at three fifths of their book value. Allowing depreciation to be charged at a reduced rate enables an increased asset value. British Gus says this new figure

still undervalues the assets.

The effect of this higher valua-

Clare and present danger

tion should be to allow the company to raise revenues by £96 million a year. But British Gas in addition says this figure cannot be reconciled with the effects of Ms Spottiswoode's price cuts. Insiders at the company take an even more hawkish view than its published pronouncements: if there is no give at all, an MMC reference is inevitable. One might have a view on how much of this is posturing. Gas has not had much interest of the MMC interest. much juy out of the MMC in the past, while a reference would drag the matter out until next spring, quite possibly leaving its final resolution in the hands of a Labour government with no great reason to love the successors to Cedric Brown.

But assume, for a moment, that yesterday's proposals are eventually imposed, and TransCo demerged. What a sad, pinched existence it faces. The company says half its workforce. perhaps 10,000 jobs, would have to go. In fact they would not. There are three main variables the board can trim, labour costs, capital spending and dividends. The workforce would slim to

the irreducible minimum needed to do the work, a figure by definition somewhere herween 10,000 and 20,000 — only British Gas knows where. The rest of the Ofgas-imposed savings would come out of capital spending, again down to an irreducible minimum required to ensure safety, and out of the dividend. That has no such minimum save zero, and it might have to take the brunt of the cut, depending on how the numbers stack up. The market is expecting a dividend cut anyway. But clearly if Ms Spottiswoode has her way, the future as a TransCo share-holder looks bleak indeed.

Bridgeman across the milk divide

☐ IF YOU thought British Gas regulation was complicated, you want to see how they do things down on the farm. Milk is a strange business, the complexities of its market being in inverse proportion to the simplicity of the actual product. The curious workings of Milk Marque, the co-operative that



controls two-thirds of the milk supply in England and Wales. have always provoked extreme hostility from big dairy com-panies such as Northern Foods.

Milk Marque is making us pay over the odds for our daily pinta, they say. This impudent suggestion was recently thrown out by the MPs on the agri-cultural select committee — but then farmers have votes too, you understand.

Between these vested interests comes John Bridgeman, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading. At first sight, the ac-tions he is taking seem modest. He has rejected referring Milk Marque to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Instead, Milk Marque will have to

change its bidding process. This will allow prices to fall if there is not enough demand from the dairy companies to take up the available supply. There will be a cap placed on the opening price at which Milk Marque can invite bids. And dairy companies will no longer have to bid blind. Milk Marque will publish its forecasts of the volume of milk available. and details from earlier rounds

of bidding. The present round of milk pricing, the outcome of which should be known this week, already incorporated the most important of the OFT's changes. The main benefit the dairy industry will see is that the new regime is much more transparent. Milk Marque's discretion will be substantially eroded by the new rules. Whether we have arrived at a

stable solution is questionable. The present pricing round has taised some new doubts over this peculiar quasi-market. Ultimately, the big dairy processors want to buy more of their milk direct from the farmers. Milk Marque's continuing control

be the subject of an early challenge in the courts. It will not be the last — until the big dairy firms get their way.

Flight of fancy

THOSE 2,000 holidaymakers who spent last weekend at Gatwick airport will have been amused to learn of the reaction of the Civil Aviation Authority to their plight. Well, not amused exactly, in fact if any are reading they had better stop here. The CAA, the air industry regulator, said it was all their fault for using cheap charter flights rather than a scheduled service.

Pass on from asking how they were supposed to have known they were booked on a cheap charter flight and what other sort there is in the mass holiday industry. Consider instead what a useful extension of the product liability laws the CAA has suggested. None of this "merchant-able quality" or "fit for its purpose" nonsense; your car's only got three wheels, sir? What did you expect? It's a cheap one.

Food poisoning? Should have paid more for that sandwich. Then extend the idea to financial services. An entire swathe of regulatory machinery swept away, all those funny little acronyms, the whole upset Scrabble-board of SFAs, Sibs and Fimbras. Regulation by cost. A really expensive pension, so it must be a good one, last you for years. The more expensive the broker, the better the advice, But deal through one of those execution-only stockbrokers or one of the big banks, and you can expect your money to disappear on the next flight to Rio.

Bar code

☐ IF WE are to believe the relevant government minister, and it does go against the grain, then corporate misconduct is being "crushed" because dis-qualifications of directors are rising. This is a little like claiming burglaries are reducing because more and more people are being juiled for them, but never mind. Anyway, just how effective a sanction is dis-qualification? Plenty of rogues have continued running businesses while officially barred, as any consumer watchdog will tell you. Better, surely, a proba-tionary period after the first offence, and then criminal

Liberty Life soars by 58% at halfway

BY MARTIN BARROW

LIBERTY LIFE Association of Africa, the South African life assurance company that holds a controlling 74.3 per cent interest in Britain's Liberty Interna-tional Holdings, yesterday reported net profits of £99.4 million for the halfyear to the end of June, a 57.9 per cent increase over the first half of the previous

The profits increase, assisted by accounting changes, left the company target of 20 per cent growth in the current year, said Donald Gordon, chairman and founder of the company.

Total new business written by the Liberty Life Group amounted to £342 million, a 26 per cent advance over the same period of 1995.

Mr Gordon said Liberty Life would continue to maintain its standards by selling quality products.
"As far as Liberty Life isconcerned, we are maintaining our standards ... and really we are not going to follow all the speculative approaches that some of our competitors are

Total assets were £11.4 billion at June 30, rising from £10.4 billion. Total capital at June 30 was £3.5 billion, including convertible bonds.

Mr Gordon said the UK activities of Liberty International Holdings had benefited from the establishment of a specialist pensions operation and the aunch of Liberty International Jersey. Liberty Inter-national, which was formerly TransAtlantic Holdings, lifted interim profits to £56.1 million before tax from £50.3 TransAtlantic

The second services



Sale of components division helps Marley to £63.2m profit

MARLEY, the building materials group, yesterday un-veiled a fall in underlying profits in the first half and said that while most overseas markets were recovering, the UK remains gloomy.

In the six months ended June 30 the company made an underlying pre-tax profit of £20.6 million compared with £24.1 million a year ago. The results were boosted, however. by an exceptional gain of £42.6 million from the sale of its automotive components division and two related joint ventures which took pre-tax profits to £63.2 million. The sale, which raised £75 million in all, has taken gearing down to 28.7 per cent from 53.7 per cent. Group operating profits were £800,000 ahead at £25.9 million.

David Trapnell, chief executive, said that while overseas markets have generally recovered in the second quarter, the UK market has been disappointing and remains uncertain because of slow new house building. The UK now accounts for about one-third of the company's business, compared with 50 per cent at the same time last year. In terms of operating profit, the UK accounted for just 20 per cent in the first half of this year



David Trapnell said more acquisitions in plastics may be in the pipeline but the UK market remains gloomy

year ago.

The biggest disappointment. Mr Trapnell said, came in sales of roof tiles in the UK. Sales were down by around 15 per cent in the first half. Also disappointing was the de-pressed South African market. Operations in continental

compared with 40 per cent a Europe were badly affected by quarter but finished the period strongly. Operating profits at Syroco, the US plastic furniture company acquired in March last year, were stronger at £7.6 million because of a sharp drop in PVC prices. In the second quarter of last year.

immediately following its acquisition, Syroco made £2 million operating profit. The group is looking at making further bolt-on acqui-

sitions, particularly in plastics, Mr Trapnell said. Marley is maintaining its

interim dividend, payable on

earnings per share were 15.8p and adjusted were 4.1p, compared with 5.1p last year.

City analysts downgraded their forecasts for the full year, with UBS moving its estimate from £51 million to £47.5

Lloyd's awaits **American** court ruling

By Jon Ashworth

LLOYD's of London will learn today whether attempts to block damaging court action by a group of American names have been successful. Developments in Richmond, Virginia, will have a key bearing on the fate of the Lloyd's £3.2

billion settlement plan. US District Judge Robert Payne is expected to decide today on whether to grant requests for an injunction on the Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal (R&R) proposals. About 100 names have called for a freeze on R&R, saying they require full financial disclosure before deciding whether to back the proposals. Lloyd's has argued that the case should be heard in the UK.

The court adjourned yesterday after a two-day hearing, in which Ron Sandler, the Lloyd's chief executive, endured lengthy stints in the witness box. Judge Payne pressed Lloyd's on the issue of disclosure, saying: "I want to know how difficult it is to give these people what they want." He told counsel for Lloyd's. including Harvey Pitt, a prominent Washington securities lawyer, that he was willing to "wait all night" to

obtain a satisfactory answer.

Lloyd's later said it could take months to gather the information required. It is anxious about the uncertainty caused by the Virginia action so close to the deadline for acceptance of the settlement offer. Up to 34,000 names worldwide have until noon next Wednesday in which to return their accep-

tance forms to Lloyd's.

Judge Payne gave no indication on how he intends to rule, but asked several questions about how an injunction might be drafted. He asked counsel for the American names to provide a draft injunction for his guidance. The judge also indicated that any ruling he might make against Lloyd's would be limit ed to forcing additional disclosures for names in America.

Mr Sandler has been forced to break off a series of media briefings to attend proceedings in Virginia. Lloyd's has kept up the pressure on names, warning of the consequences for those who reject the settlement offer. It has stressed its readiness to pursue names for their outstanding liabilities, noting that recent court actions have reconfirmed its ability to act swiftly and effectively.

GrandMet chooses **IDV** chief

By OUR CITY STAFF

GRAND Metropolitan, the UK wines and spirits group. yesterday named Chuck Phillips as president of IDV Americas, part of the company's International Distillers and Vintners subsidiary.

Mr Phillips is currently president and chief executive of Kraft Canada Incorporated. He will join IDV in early September when he will become a member of IDV's board.

As president of IDV Americas, Mr Phillips will have responsibility for IDV's American drinks businesses, including Heublein, the Paddington Corporation and Carillon Importers. Gilbey Canada and IDV South America will also come under his wing.

Yesterday GrandMet briefed City analysts about developments at Pillsbury. its US food subsidiary. The company's shares fell 3'2 p to

Perpetual weighs options on life firms' merger plan

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

PERPETUAL, the leading fund manager, has said it will be several days before it reaches a decision on whether to oppose the merger of Refuge Assurance, in which it holds a 7 per cent stake, and United

Perpetual had threatened to note against the proposed merger between the two life companies at a shareholders' meeting on September 9 because it believed Refuge shareholders were being shortchanged by the deal.

The merger would create a new company. United Assurance, with a market value of ELS billion and E6.5 billion assets under management. After meeting members of Refuge's board yesterday. Neil

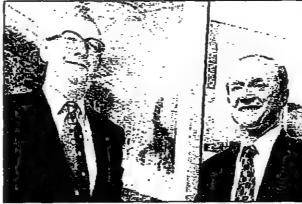
Woodford, Perpetual's senior investment manager, said he had been broadly comforted by Refuge's presentation, but was still reviewing his options. He added: "I still have the reservations I had prior to the

meeting, but it will take several days for me to weigh up the information I have heard. I also wish to consult a number of other people whose opinions I respect."

The meeting at Perpetual's headquarters was attended by John Cudworth, Refuge's chief executive. George Mack.

group finance director and deputy chief executive of United Friendly, and William McDonald, Refuge's financial

Mr Woodford objects to the £631 million assessment of Refuge's embedded value. He believes the figure is closer to SI billion.



John Cudworth, left, with George Mack of United

State sues tobacco companies for \$14bn

FROM REUTER IN LANSING

MICHIGAN became the 13th state to take the tobacco industry to court yesterday, filing a lawsuit seeking \$14 billion in damages from leading tobacco companies and their wholesale distributors.

Frank Kellev, Michigan At-torney-General, said the suit, which names 28 separate defendants, sought \$2 billion in restitution to the state for past smoking-related healthcare costs, \$2 billion for future anticipated healthcare costs and \$10 billion in punitive damages. The suit, filed in Ingham

County Circuit Court in Lansing, also asks the court to order robacco companies to disclose all research information on the effects of smoking that relate to public-health issues.

It requests they pay for a corrective public education campaign. issue corrective statements on the health risks of smoking and stop advertising that targets children, and pay civil penalties for violations of the Consumer Protection and Anti-Trust Reform acis.

Mr Kelley said: "Every year in Michigan, thousands of ad-dicted smokers die from using tobacco company products precisely as the merchants of death have designed and intended for those products to be used.

Through a well-organised campaign of fraud, lies, intimidation and deception, the tobacco companies have avoided legal responsibility for engineering, manufacturing and selling the most deadly and harmful consumer product in history while reaping billions of dollars in profit."

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	6 months to 30th June 1996 £000s	6 months to 30th June 1995 £3000s
Net Interest Receivable	15,588	12,938
Other Income and Charges	4,344	3,173
Total Income	19,932	16,111
Administrative Expenses	8,198	7,256
Operating Profit before Provisions Provisions for Loans.	11,734	8,855
Advances and Guarantees	1,280	1,750
Profit on Ordinary Activities	10,454	7,105
Tax on Profit on Ordinary Activities	3,450	2,344
Profit for the Half Year	7,004	<u>4,761</u>
Gross Capital Total Assets (£m)	121,887 1,558.3 m	109,831 1,508.2 m

The Group results as above are unaudited

- Asset growth for the half year of 3.3%
- Strong gross capital position of 8.7%
- Morrgage losses reduced by 27%

Paul Hughes, Chief Executive commented:

"The results reflect a strong half year's performance. The first six month's level of profitability has bowever, been exceptional but is unlikely to be sustainable in the second half of the year following adjustments to the interest rate margin arising from both competitive product offers and the Society's mutual stance.

It is particularly pleasing to see mortgage losses reduce significantly, a trend which is also reflected in our level of mortgage arroars.

The strong capital position and relatively low management expense ratio will enable the Society to continue to compete



Cheshire Building Society, Castle Street, Macelesfield, Cheshire SK11 6AF.

MMC may weave into a rural row a rival fledgeling tweed producer that each other down." More than 400

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission is being asked to investigate the rural world of Harris Tweed, where Scottish islanders are said to be confused and worried over moves to introduce personal

The weavers of Lewis and Harris have been told by Macleod-Mac-kenzie, the islands' largest mill group, that signing an exclusive contract is the only way to get priority in supplying future weaving yarn. But the move has angered

yesterday called on the commission to investigate. The new co-operative mill company. Harris Tweed Weavers, claims the offer of personal contracts is a restrictive practice by a nearmonopoly supplier and is raising significant barriers to the entry of new

Donald Morrison, a director of Harris Tweed Weavers, said: This sort of thing goes against the spirit of weaving as a community industry. The aim should be to get as much work as possible for the islands weavers — not for the mills to try to do

home-based weavers have been asked to sign the contract that also offers technical advice and a close working relationship to thuse who agree to become so-called premier weavers.

A 44-year-old weaver from Lewis said that the matter had left the islands' weavers "really confused and worried" about the best way forward for them to secure work. He added: "I think we all want to be

independent, but also want steady work. Whatever we decide to do, we will be upsetting someone." The Inland Revenue has been

brought into the as the new cooperative has given a warning that weavers could lose their self-employment status if they signed an exclusive

Harris Tweed is made from pure new wool and is handmade by crofters in their homes. It is known as a hardwearing fabric widely used in tailoring, fashion and furnishings.

Recent developments in the industry have seen the introduction of new double-width looms that can also cope better with lighter grades of cloths that are more sought after by the international fashion industry.



OLIVER AUGUST

Gas shares edge ahead as regulator eases off

other fast-trading shares, Brit-ish Gas saw 27 million of its shares change hands yesterday. Analysts strongly disagreed with the group's response to the Ofgas announcement of a 20 per cent compulsory price cut for its pipeline business. While the utility's managers protested, brokers raised their share price target and the shares

rose sharply.

Analysts said improved revenue projections and other factors under the proposed regime would improve the British Gas dividend.

Speculation had it that the initial enthusiasm would reverse should the group choose to reject the final proposal very strongly.

The real test for the share price will come should British Gas decide to take the issue to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC).

A leading analyst, who declined to be named, said the Ofgas proposals were "very good", with the regulator conceding ground in several key areas. "British Gas would be absolutely mad to go to the MMC after this," he said.

The share price has languished since the original pricing proposals were published but bounced back yesterday, climbing 6'2p to 204'2p. The Calor Group was lifted in the utility's slipstream, up 3p at 247p.

In the transport sector Mersey Docks & Harbour was the biggest loser. Analysts said they will downgrade their fullyear forecasts for the group after E4.5 million losses at Eurolink took the market by

Inigo Edsberg at Panmure Gordon said the exceptional charges caused the fall, but he pointed out that the shares could be extremely cheap next year. "They are not a sell." he said. The shares closed at

British Airways fell op to 530p as the battle to push through the alliance with

Rolls-Royce announced it had won a £60 million order from UPS for engines for five more Boeing 757s. This raises the package carrier's total number of Rolls-Royce powered 757s to 40. The share moved from 2181 ap to 222p.

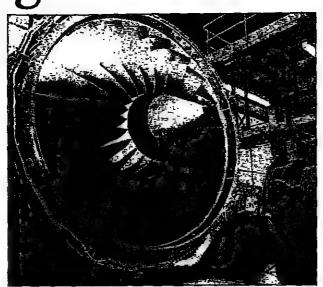
In the banking sector NatWest was down to 674p from 689p after SBC Warburg moved from a "buy" to a

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A £60m order boosted shares in Rolls-Royce by 312p

"hold" note. HSBC was down 3p to £11.62 and Allied Irish Bank was down 212p to 364p after repurchasing \$100 million of its own undated variable rate notes. Abbey

National was up 5p at 602p. GrandMet shares were off their record high due to some profit-taking. They were down 212p from 477p. The company

EW Fact, the training company, saw its share price rise after strong first half interim results and an executive rehad called in analysts to shuffle. It moved from 75p to

Unigate's shares rose sharply yesterday morning from 422p to 432p in anticipation of lower selling prices for liquid milk as Milk Marque agreed to amend its system for milk sales. But it may not be too late to snatch a few more shares on the

explain the situation at the Pillsbury food business. The presentation was said to have en weil received

erday's talk of US stakebuilding, ending the day at 2481 ap. down from 2551 ap. British Telecom traded up

Railtrack slipped after yes-

12p to 374p on the news that it will introduce new pricing systems. Cable & Wireless. now ex-dividend, rose to Sip. Most of the business training sector was stable but Reed also moved up from 131p

40912p from 40312p and Vodatone fell from 24412p to

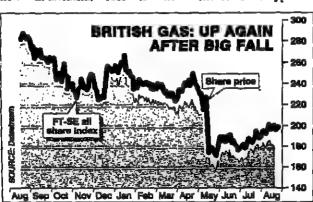
242p after Tuesday's results. BSkyB benefited from the

positive mood in the market

after yesterday's results and

closed up 12p at 547p.

On the Alternative Investment Market Marine & Mercantile, oil developers, said they are aiming to secure a field development project as soon as possible which, along with its Czech project, will lead to early cash flow. It said two new ventures of this type are



in the early stages of evalua- tion and negotiations in the Ukraine have been contin-
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uing. The share price rose
from 77p to 80p.

Shares in Zergo, the information securities product company, also rose after fullyear results. Beeson Gregory. house broker, put a "buy" tag on the stock and it went up 10p to 230p. Zergo incurred a £215,000 pre-tax loss but the small profit before exceptionals was seen as a reassuring result.

Moorfield Estates, property company, saw its share price remain unchanged after its open offer closed on Tuesday. A 49.69 per cent take-up on the offer was achieved, the company said

yesterday. Better than expected profits ifted stocks in Marley, the building materials company, from 123p to 125p. Overseas markets, where almost two-thirds of Marley's activities are now based, are said to be growing strongly, while the UK market remains "uncertain".

Analysts remained uncertain about the prospects of a further rate cut. Weaker than expected UK July retail sales volumes could give Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, scope to make a cut, economists said, although the underlying trend in retail sales remain

Andrew Smith, Credit Lyonnais economist, said: "While the underlying trend is upwards, this figure will not stop Clarke if he wants to ease interest rates.

GILT-EDGED: The Bundesbank Council meets today for the first time since the summer recess and futures traders' thoughts were already on a possible German interest rate change.

The only thing that will help stabilise the markets now is a move by the Bundesbank to cut the repo rate," said one broker. Uncertainty has increased in the markets since early this week when an indenendent renort Showed the German economy moving towards more growth, September güt futures settled at £107.15 down £1732.

NEW YORK:Shares on Wall Street continued to drop, with investors particularly ing liability challenge for Phil-Morris. The Dow Jones industrial average was 37.36 points lower by midday.

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Dutch courage

IN THE end, it wasn't angry dockers, frightened customers or competing ports that brought down Mersey Docks & Harbour Company. It was its own management. After all the hue and cry, the strike cost the company a trifling \$600,000. When compared with the £4.5 million loss incurred in running a ferry to Holland for six months. Mersey Docks would seem to be bener off managing labour disputes than trying to run a business.

That is not entirely fair as the Mersey Docks bosses did an excellent job in running the old firm. Despite the grinding effect of the strike on nervous customers, tonnage was well up in the Port of Liverpool and, more impressive, container traffic, the target of the strikers, was up a healthy 4 per cent.

Unfortunately, keeping a tidy port running like clockwork is not enough to keep the board

of Mersey Docks amused. The company has built up a shipping business on the Irish Sea, which is now suffering because of a sudden build-up of capacity stimulated by the Northern Ireland peace talks. Not content with that. Mersey Docks acquired a struggling ferry service to Holland 18 months ago. Passenger volumes have failed to materialise and the business may well be shut down with accumulated losses of some £13 million.

There is a curious virus that seems to afflict directors of privatised businesses. Not content with managing a dull but profitable monopoly, they suddenly develop a craving for the rough and tumble of the free market. Mersey Docks' diversification into shipping is not as great a disaster as were the commercial property ambitions of Associated British Ports but it should ring the same alarm belis.

Marley

AFTER years stuck with the boom and bust of the UK construction market. Marley is finally liberated. Two years of investment overseas leave the building materials group with a third of its business outside the UK compared with 50 per cent a year ago, And Marley plans to continue buying business-

es abroad. Given the state of the UK housing sector, few would dispute that Marley has done the right thing. While building societies trumpet that more and more people are borrowing money to finance housing transactions, the market for roof tiles remains weak. The new mortgages are financing cashbacks, home improvement and purchases of older houses but precious few new

housing. Marley's sales in the UK are likely to remain best static or, as has already happened with roof tiles, fall into decline. The slight worry for investors is that Marley may have begun its diversification MARLEY LEAVES HOME

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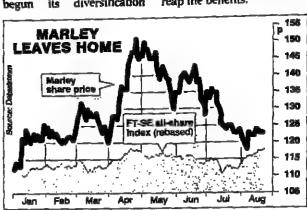
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suggests that a surge in new housebuilding is due within the next 12 to 18 months. At that point, Marley may begin to regret its bias to overseas markets and investors may choose to focus on companies such as Hep-worth and BPB which can reap the benefits.

away from the UK market at

its nadir. Bottled-up demand



GrandMet

houses are being built.

PILLSBURY is the story that GrandMet are currently keen to sell to the market. The food division has a low profile in this country and earlier attempts to launch its 'doughboy" products in the UK have met with limited success. But the home-baking culture continues to thrive in the United States - and Pillsbury provides popular part-baked products for those amilies too busy to make their cookies or croissants

from scruich. Yesterday's analysts meeting was basically an imagebuilding exercise. The that was not already known in the market - other than it had forced through an average 4 per cent price rise across its food businesses. But GrandMet's share price has until recently been overdependent on activity in the

drinks sector, even though

IDV, its drinks arm, only

provides 40 per cent of prof-

The market discovered that while tales of a takeover bid were fantasy, GrandMet had temporarily stolen a march on its main rival in the drinks

its. The price has jumped 50p

since it emerged last month

that Guinness had briefly

considered buying IDV.

market. Launching a corrective to the market's obsession with drinks can be no bad thing, especially when the consensus is that its food businesses and the Burger King franchise are in pretty rude health. It is food, after all,

that will need to fuel future

rises in the shares. There are still those who portfolio consumer brand has sufficient international clout. Converting the doubters may take more than public relations.

Lyons Irish

The minority shareholders in Lyons Irish Holdings have staged a show of defiance

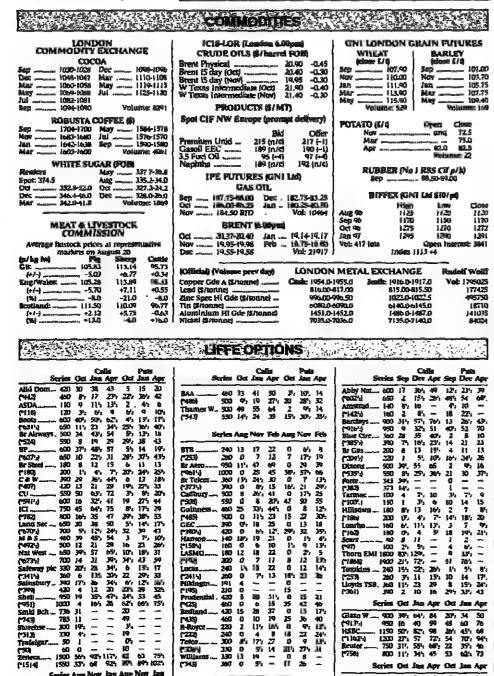
against an Anglo-Dutch invasion. Only a handful have accepted Unilever's offer of ir 323p a share, the same price Unilever paid to Allied Domecq earlier this year for its 75 per cent stake.

Lyons has 60 per cent of the highly profitable Irish tea market, and has been one of Ireland's most consistently successful companies. But hopes that Unilever might be persuaded to cough up in 400p a share are misguided. In the short term, Unilever

is unlikely to cut the dividend or otherwise disadvantage Lyons' shareholders. They may feel comfortable with this position, having put up with a controlling sh er for decades.

But it is a dull game to play, with a risk of increasing illiquidity in the stock. Because it is unconditional. Unilever's offer will remain open, probably until the end of November and shareholders might as well accept it.

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CHILDREN. children. Andersen Consulting has issued a writ against Anderson Management Consultants, a smaller London rival, which someone seems to think might be mistaken for the mighty Andersen itself. No connection, of course — but Andersen wants blood, It is demanding a change of name, and wants its cut of any revenue lost as a result of these dastardly tactics. Excessive? Anderson (with an o) certainly thinks so. It says it has been using the name for the past 10 years without any problems. Joe Goumal, the founder, says: "I think it's a bit pushing credibility to the far edge to say we're passing our-selves off as Andersen."

Boring? Not us

DO CIVIL engineers have a sense of humour? Yellow Pages is to remove the classification "Boring" along with its reference "See Civil Engineers" from all directories in response to a request by the Institution of Civil Engineers. Apparently, sensi-tive souls there failed to see the funny side of the directory's reference to ground engineering.

Life and art

MELLING life insurance and comedy make for strange bedfellows, but then Peter Rosengard, Abbey Life's top salesman is no stranger to either. As co-founder of the Comedy Store in Leicester Square, he was influential in making some of the UK's more outrageous comedians famous. Now, he is embarking on another comic mission by writing and pro-ducing a TV sitcom based on the antics of six British life insurance salesmen. The series, called Life!, is in its early stages but Mr Rosengard says he is in talks with several television companies.



Good Kings -

Gambling man NO STOPPING Sol Kerz-

ner, the South Africanborn casino king, back in the news over a R2 million donation to the African National Congress. Kerzner, 60, has teamed up with Mery Griffin, the American chat show, to take a crack at Atlantic City, New Jersey, a prize which has eluded him for the past 13 years. Griffin's gaming company is merging with a subsidiary of Kerzner's Sun International Hotels, in a stock-forstock deal valued at \$210 million. The deal needs the approval of state authorities - denied to Kerzner when he tried to go it alone in 1983. He has since had better luck with a resort on Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Butch Kerzner. Sun's president says the idea is to develop themed resorts in the heart of Atlantic's famous Boardwalk, the centre of a \$3.7 billion gaming market.

INVESTIGATIONS are under way at the gas regulator's offices to find the origin of the leak of the confidential letter from lan Byatt, water regulator, to his gas counterpart expressing concern over some of the methodology used in the TransCo pricing controls. But, it emerged yesterday, that the letter could have found its way into the Ofgas library, which has open doors for anyone to browse through non-confidential correspondence.

ECONOMIC VIEW



ANTHONY HARRIS

In the long run, growth may prove to be good for tax cuts

Government deficits are a real problem.

raising long-term interest rates

and stifling

private investment merica is promised "supply side" tax cuts if Bob Dole, the

Republican contender, wins the presidential election; and British taxes, as you will have read, are likely to be cut in November because the Treasury enjoyed good privatisa-tion proceeds last month. Easy gratification? Compare two other news items: in Canberra, Austra-

lians have been rioting against spending cuts, while the Italian Left is marching against privatisation. The French unions, meanwhile, are expected to make these protests look lily-livered when the barricade season opens later this month. What has enraged the French is a

programme of spending cuts and job losses planned to reduce the budget deficit: the cuts have been painfully real, but the French budget deficit has remained exactly as big as before. (The US Federal budget, by contrast, is well on its way to balance - a highly significant difference, as we will see.)

Clearly, then, there is more to this tax-and-borrow question than meets the eye. If there were not, indeed, why has tax cutting been out of fashion internationally ever since President Bush ate his promises and started to address the US deficit?

The truth is that government deficits are a real problem, raising long-term interest rates and stifling private investment; they also breach the Maastricht convergence criteria, "Get your house in order" as central bankers especially Germans - like to advise. But, in real life, cutting deficits is not a such simple matter.

Try lower taxes, said President Reagan paradoxically. Tax cuts will so energise the economy that revenue will rise, not fall. It didn't work: the economy grew, but the deficit exploded. Perhaps, indeed, the formula was never intended to work. In an interview after retirement, he claimed that the deficit would prove his most enduring monument it would put a brake on federal spending for decades to come. He had, in effect, killed tax-and-spend liberalism just as he killed Soviet Communism, by spending it into the

It is ironic that Alzheimer's disease will prevent Mr Reagan from enjoying the speciacle of Mr Dole trying to revive the policy that he denounced at the time; but it was at first based on a fashionable theory. Arthur Laffer, an economic journalist, propounded the Laffer Curve, which, he claimed, proved that tax revenues would rise as rates were cut. This is not pure nonsense: there is clearly some point at which the disincentive effect of punitive tax rates will stifle the promised revenues. But where? Laffer didn't say. A mathematical economist at Birkbeck College did produce an estimate some 20 years ago. Although this was

meant as a joke, the maths were serious, and the conclusion - that the point of no return was at a tax rate of 47 per cent - may help to explain why cuts in higher rates have indeed produced Laffer returns (and why Tony Blair will be cautious in raising them again). But nobody is likely to claim again that tax cuts are a painless

road to balanced budgets. The case for a UK cut in November looks more straightforward: higher revenue now, less needed in future. Wrong again: indeed, this Good Housekeeping approach, or the Law of Thatcher's Handbag, is more insidjously wrong than Laffer. The Curve looks like nonsense, but contains some truth. The handbag theorem - cash in, cash out looks like common sense, but

From the Executive Director.

The British Wind Energy

Sir. It was heartening to see

that the discussion about ener-

gy (Christine Buckley, July 24)

covered at least to a degree the

environmental issues, for, of

all industrial activities, energy

production is probably that

which affects the environment

most. There is therefore an

extremely strong case for envi-

ronmental protection being

the first principle of energy

policy, with the question of

Tim Eggar, the former En-

ergy Minister, is quoted as

"indicating that further sup-

port of the renewables, such as

wind, wave and solar power.

may not be guaranteed once

they have proceeded suffi-

ciently down the development

path." While present govern-

price following.

Environmental protection should be

ment policy for the renewables

appears to be centred on

getting the price to converge

towards pool price under the

Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation, it

is not yet clear whether the

judgement to continue support

after the last scheduled round

of contracts in 1998 will be

If not, does this mean that

the Government is willing to

accept the theoretical risk that

the winners in the liberalised

electricity market might be

polluting generators?

HUGH BABINGTON

Yours faithfully

Executive Director.

Energy Association.

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Australians rioted in Canberra against harsh spending cuts imposed by the coalition Government

overlooks half of the budget - - the consequences of actions supposed to "save": it makes no distinction between income and capital: and it is a formula for destablising the economy, stimulating it when reveues are strong, deflating it when they are weak. So, but for a saving clause, are the rules of the Maastricht treaty.

First, consequences: Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, knows only too well by now that there are two sides to the budget. He has made massive cuts in subsidies and defence and welfare spending; but these actions have so depressed the economy that the "savings" have vanished in social spending and weak revenue. The British disillusion has not been so dramatic - no riots yet: but our repeated failure to meet the deficit forecasts published with the Budget tell the same basic story. Welfare cuts have restrained economic growth. Receipts from privatisation have tended to vanish, as the Treasury no longer receives the profits of the enterprises sold off, but does have to support the workers sacked or retired early in such numbers. In soite of last month's government surplus. the City still expects a borrowing disappointment in November.

And what about the family silver, as Harold MacMillan called it? Under ordinary company accounting rules. privatisation should be treated not as

is, in fact, a compound of errors. It extraordinary revenue but as a demerger. (in national accounts terms, privatisation reduces the borrowing requirement, but not the public sector financial deficit). The proceeds should therefore be spent not on tax cuts, but on debt reduction, so shrinking both sides of the national balance sheet.

> This is sound reasoning when applied to profitable assets; but it is not so easy to generalise, as Gordon Brown has sought to to in his Golden Rule: borrowing for revenue spending bad, borrowing for investment good. The difficulty is to define "investment": under existing Budget conventions, it means anything that lasts a long time. Borrow to finance roads? No problem. They should help economic and revenue growth. Schools? Virtuous, but the payoff, if any, is long term. Tanks and warships? These actually tend to make future budget problems worse, for they demand trained crews and expensive

> MrBrown's fallback position is much more sophisticated: that budget balances should aim, through the cycle, to hold the national debt constant as a proportion of national income. This is already a standard IMF test of prudence; and while many European governments are struggling to cut bloated debt, the British national debt is already well within the Maastricht

limits. So who could possibly object to the Brown formula? Only, perhaps, the officials told to project the cyclically-corrected deficit, and then to explain to the Treasury Committee a year later why they got it wrong.

That could prove a blessing in disguise, though, because it would

make the officials try harder. Ever since Keynesian demand management went out of fashion, officials have got worse and worse at forecasting the business cycle. Our own Treasury competely missed the 1990 recession, while OECD growth projections remained stuck at 3 per cent for several years. This cycle-blindness is a major reason for Europe's present woes: the effort, especially in Germany and France, to balance budgets by deflating weak-economies. In their effort to fulfil the Maastricht timetable they have, in effect, been stunned by Mrs Thatcher's fiscal handbag; which ought to give her some ironic satisfaction.

Are there, then, no golden rules for budget-making? Certainly none that are fool-proof. Not even riots mean that policy must be wrong: they are sometimes the price to be paid for correcting past errors, notably the unsustainable pension and welfare committments common in the EU.

But obstinate recession and unemployment do look like evidence for the prosecution, since the US has managed to escape both for several years. This does not necessarily prove brilliance: more, a perverse kind of luck. The fact that both the federal Government and the commercial banking system got into deep financial trouble at the same time dictated a policy mix that has worked like magic: higher taxes and much lower interest rates.

The result could be called a supplyside tax increase (not an electionwinning slogan). The combination of a shrinking deficit (now down to half the Maastricht level) to reassure bond investors and cheap stock market capital has sustained what may prove to be as much as a decade of steady. investment-led growth. Revenues are buoyant and spending, thanks to low unemployment, restrained.

Barring inflationary accidents, the next American president may even be able to turn the slogans upside down and prove not that tax cuts are good for growth, but that growth, in the long run, is good for tax cuts.



Bob Dole is trying to revive a Reagan policy he once denounced

BUSINESS LETTERS

Salutary lessons

for the Old Lady

with all

From Ms Marjorie Lishman

Sir, Well, I'll bet the Bank of

England is pretty shaken up

"themes" in the Arthur Ander-

sen Review of Supervision and

It must take courage from

the world's most expensive

consultants to come up with

such radical recommendations

as maintaining the Bank's supervisory style (honed in the

management of a stream of

debacles such as BCCI and

Barings), upgrading the super-

visory and IT skills of supervi-

sion staff - and even the

recruitment of a few souls with

specialist knowledge or skills.

Surely such rampant innova-

tion will leave the Old Lady's

knickers in a positive twist.

MARJORIE LISHMAN.

Yours faithfully,

Beckenham, Kent.

9 Elwill Way,

Surveillance Report.

those incisive

Settlement of pension age needs

to give equal treatment to men

From Mr David Lindsay Sir, More urgent than linking the state pension to average earnings, as advocated by Maureen Colquhoun (Business Letters August S) is. surely, a settlement of the pension age issue in a manner that will, at the same time. give men the equal treatment that has for too long been denied them, and, at last, allow the pension to commence when earnings finally cease - not years after, as now

The adoption of 60 as the common qualifying age for the basic state pension would still leave the UK paying less than 5 per cent of GDP for it — one of the lowest in the European Union - and any additional cost to the National Insurance fund, after taking account of savings in other social security benefits (such as for unem-

for so many.

ployment and incapacity), could be more than covered by, for example, abolishing the anomalous upper earnings limit for NI contributions (a fair quid pro quo for the progressive tax deductions higher earners enjoy for private pension contributions).

Indeed, using 5 per cent of GDP as an overall state pension regulator, there would still be room for some pension improvement, eg at higher

Yours faithfully. DAVID LINDSAY. (Legal Advisor), Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages, 36 Orchard Coombe. Whitchurch Hill, Reading.

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British Rail on track for full privatisation

The South East franchise is the latest to be sold, Jonathan Prynn reports

year ago, rail privati-sation hung in the balance. A succession of highly damaging leaks, most harmfully on safety, severely undermined City and public confidence in the self-off and Labour was poised to move in for the kill But the Government's nerve held, Labour became

months on the completion of the BR demolition job is in sight. Yesterday's sale of the South East franchise means that more than half of pasenger services as measured by fares revenue are now in private hands, a landmark that was originally due to be reached by April. However, even four months late is far

bogged down in internal

disputes over its "renationalisation" policy and 12

the remaining franchises continues to accelerate. Critics argue that Roger Salmon, the franchise director, has concentrated on the

better than most of the doom

mongers were predicting as

recently as Christmas and

the pace of privatisation of

easy half of British Rail. modernised, prestige lines such as East Coast, or affluent London commuter belt ser-vices. The low glamour

and highly subsidised rural routes of the North and West and the Midland and northern conurbations remain to be sold.

However, the obvious hunger for franchises among the main groups jockeying for position in the post-privatisation world means that no more than a tiny handful of lines will remain in public hands by the election. Aiready, the outline shape

of the private passenger rallway is beginning to emerge. There will be half a dozen main players, including Stagecoach, unless it is forced out of future bidding because of its acquisition of Porterbrook: National Express. CGEA, the French transport and waste group that was awarded South East, Sea Containers, and possibly one of the other large bus companies. There will also be a scattering of management buyout teams. What will take longer to

emerge is the benefits, if any, these latter day successors of the Big Four of the pre-nationalisation era will

bring to passengers. Most of the the tangible gains have been pretty marginal - a free cup of tea here, an extra bus link there - surely not the best that the private sector has to offer. Most disappointing, and alarming, has been the failure to pension off dilapidated slam

door stock More encouraging was the announcement last week by Christopher Garnett, the chief executive of Sea Containers, that fares between London and Edinburgh were being cut to £19 to take on the domestic air carriers. It is this sort of aggressive tilt at the competition that

British Rail never dared try. in the longer term, the greatest test of privatisation will come with the first big economic downturn. Al ready, the rail industry grapevine is buzzing with rumours about successful bidders returning cap in hand to Mr Salmon, asking, like corporate Oliver Twists, for more subsidy. While this almost certainly has not happened yet, there is little doubt that Mr Salmon, has

driven highly demanding 6 The 'poll tax financial on wheels' is bidders. With the hot breath now effectively of the Treasury "no' a done deal 9 men warming the back

of his neck at every negotiation meeting, Mr Salmon has had little room for generosity. However, there seems little chance of wholesale cuts in services, for all the early fears. If one of the successful bidders goes belly up there will always be ruthless corporate predators such as Stagecoach's Brian Souter around to pick up

their franchises. Labour, meanwhile, has virtually thrown in the towel, appointing Andrew Smith, a hard man of the Treasury team, to calm things down on the transport portfolio after the excitement of Clare Short's brief incumbency.

Rail privatisation. "poli tax on wheels" that would bring down John Major is now effectively a done deal. In due course, John Welsby, the last ever chairman of British Rail, will collect his kinghthood for not rocking the boat and one day, who knows, we will see Bob Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, in the House of Lords. Assuming there is one, that is,

6-MONTH'S GROUP I	RESULTS (U)	(AUDITED)
	6 months to 30th June 1996 £7000s	6 months to 30th June 1995 _£'000s
Net Interest Receivable	15,588	12,938
Other Income and Charges	4,344	3,173
Total Income	19,932	16,111
Administrative Expenses	8,198	7,256
Operating Profit before Provisions	11,734	8,855
Provisions for Loans, Advances and Guarantees	1,280	1,750
Profit on Ordinary Activities	10,454	7,105
Tax on Profit on Ordinary Activities	3,450	2,344

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1,558.3 m

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4,761

1,508.2 m

109,831

The Group results as above are unaudited

Asset growth for the half year of 3.3%

Strong gross capital position of 8.7%

Gross Capital

Total Assets (£m)

Mortgage losses reduced by 27%

Profit for the Half Year

Paul Hughes, Chief Executive commented: "The results reflect a strong half year's performance. The first six month's level of profitability has however, been exceptional but is unlikely to be sustainable in the second half of the year following adjustments to the interest rate margin arising from

both competitive product offers and the Society's mutual stance.

It is particularly pleasing to see mortgage losses reduce significantly, a trend which is also reflected in our level of

The strong capital position and relatively low management expense ratio will enable the Society to continue to compete successfully".



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Bad debt fall helps lift bank profits

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

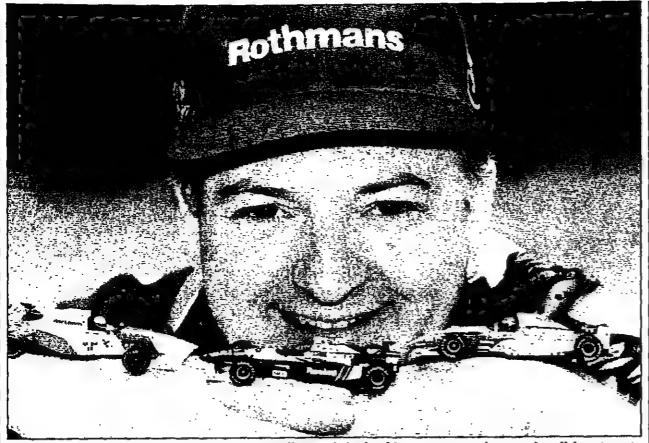
THE Commonwealth Bank. Australia's biggest retail bank, achieved a 14 per cent rise in net profits to A\$1.12 billion (£560 million) for the year to June 1996. The profits, the first to be reported since the Australian Government sold its remaining 50.4 per cent stake last month in the country's biggest share offer, were helped by a sharp fall in bad debts and an improvement in the bank's cost to income ratio.

The new partly paid shares which made their debut last month at \$6, rose 31 cents to A\$7.23 in heavy trading while existing shares also rose 31 cents to A\$11.35.

David Murray, manag-ing director, said the result were "creditable" but warned that profits for the year had been held back by a reduction in home lending margins and a decline in the capacity to recover costs for retail transaction services. He also warned that the bank faced continuing margins pressure, which meant underlying earnings for the current year would be flat, before the impact of a A\$1 billion share buyback which formed part of the Government's sale of its stake.

He said: "We see three lactors affecting the outlook for Australian banks: the operating environment has deteriorated: there has been an uplift in troublesome loans in the fourth quarter, and costs." Total assets grew 6 per cent to A\$109 billion

The share offer, which together with the share buyback reaped some A\$5.2 billion for the Australian Government, was more than two and a half times oversubscribed, with particularly strong demand from overseas institutions who ended with around 20 per cent of the bank. Under the twotranche offer - the first of its kind attempted in Australia - investors paid a first fixed instalment of A\$6 with a second instalment of A\$4.45 to be paid by November 1997.



Tony Pickup, managing director of F1 Retail Holdings, is bringing his two motor racing merchandising stores to the Ofex next month in an offer for subscription to raise £450,000. A total of 1.5 million shares are being placed at 30p each, giving the four-month-old company a £945,000 capitalisation and valuing Mr Pickup's stake at £268,000.

Deutsche Telekom woos wary small investors

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN FRANKFURT

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM, the German telecoms conglomerate, yesterday outlined its programme of cheaper shares for private investors. The move is aimed at luring sceptical Germans into buying shares when the state-owned company is privatised in November.

Telekom has come up with a cariety of carrots to dangle before traditionally equity-

BNFL the UK nuclear fuels

company, has won a \$600

million contract to help to

clean up one of the largest

nuclear sites in America

BNFL Inc., a US subsid-

iary, is part of a consortium of

companies that has been

(Martin Barrow writes).

for private investors and loyalshares for those who hold their shares for three years.

The price reductions and the loyalty shares would be available for the first 300 shares purchased per investor. The company said the prospectus relating to the share issue would be available in October.

The sell-off will be Germany's biggest privatisation and one of Europe's largest public offerings. When it is fully sold off. Telekom is expected to account for 4 per cent of the

BNFL wins \$600m US order

Energy to clean up the mas-

sive Savannah River nuclear

site in South Carolina. The

consortium includes Westing-

house, Bechtel and Babcock &

and integrate solid waste recy-

cling, treatment, storage and

awarded a \$6 billion contract disposal. BNFL Inc. will also since it was formed six years

The consortium will plan

Wilcox.

by the US Department of provide technical support and

who are members of AIF, the pects to gain about DM15 share information forum, would receive preferential treatment when the shares share billion from the listing. The goodwill of private inwere issued, Telekom said.

vestors is considered essential if the issue is to be a success as the sell-off will require increased levels of liquidity. Nicole Cousins, telecoms analyst with Bank Julius Baer

in Frankfurt, seid: "Small shareholder consciousness levels are very low in Germany, but Deutsche Germany, but Telekom seems to be making all the right moves to raise

personnel to Westinghouse in

More than 19,000 people

are employed on the site,

which was built in the early

1950s as part of the US arms

BNFL Inc. has won busi-

ness worth almost \$1 billion

nuclear operations.

The share's price range and the price reduction for small investors will be made known in the second half of October. German banks are putting

beginning of October.

Telekom will start a market-

ing campaign today aimed at

attracting more members for

the AIF, which has had 1.5

million inquiries from inves-

tors interested in joining. New

members must register by the

their weight behind the sell-off by offering attractive savings plans and special provisions to would-be share buyers. Joachim Kroeske, Tele-kom's chief financial officer,

said private investors would be allowed to buy a maximum of 300 shares at a special reduced rate and could invest up to DM10,000 in Telekom Analysts said that implied

that the shares could be offered to individual investors at

Young complain about low pay

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE THAN a third of 18 to 24-year-olds earn less than \$100 a week, while two in five are showing a growing apathy. about politics, according to figures from the TUC.

Half of those questioned by MORI and NOP for the TUC report, published today, said that they were treated unfairly at work, with the most common complaints being low pay and poor management.

Two in five said they

planned to vote in the next eneral election, a fall of about 10 per cent from the 50 per cent estimated turnout of 18 to 24year-olds at the last general election.

Seven out of ten questioned in the survey, which covered 2,500 young people, said that they felt politicians did not understand what working life was really like.

Four in ten said that they thought the quality of life for their age group would worsen over the next year, compared with one in ten who believed it

The TUC said that the report, which found three in five young people thought unions were essential to pro-tect workers' interests, countered the argument that "Major's children" reject collective values and

organisation. Young people are to become an increased target for union efforts after the study also revealed that 86 per cent felt ill-informed about union

The TUC study comes as Labour research shows that nearly one in five households of working age has no adult in

Scrutiny of government figures conducted for Ian McCartney, chief employment spokesman, reveals that 18 per cent of non-pensioner homes had no adults working.

TUC analysis shows that 40 leading UK companies have

made no plans to set up European works councils on a voluntary basis. Companies have a month left to make voluntary plans, or face the imposition of a standard European model. If they do nothing within six months of that imposition date those companies could face legal penalties in other European countries where they also

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Large share sales at Universal Salvage

CLIFF BASSETT, chairman of Universal Salvage, has raised \$2.07 million through the disposal of one million shares in the company, which manages the disposal of vehicle write-offs. He retains a 29.2 per cent shareholding. The shares were sold at 267p. compared with a placing price of 149p when the company obtained a stock market listing in September 1995. Stewart Bussett and Jacqui Sutton, two other substantial shareholders, have raised \$1.6 million and £1.34 million respectively through the disposal of shares. Stewart Bassett retains an interest of 8.9 per cent and Ms Sutton holds 9.3 per cent. The shares were unchanged at 268p yesterday.

The company said the share sales were made at the request of Charterhouse Tilney, the company's stockbrokers, in order to satisfy market demand for the shares. The three investors remain subject to the orderly market restrictions imposed at the time of the flotation of the company.

Inspec plan approved

INSPEC, the speciality chemicals group that is buying Shell's fine chemicals outfit, yesterday obtained shareholder approval for its zero-risk staff share option scheme, but with the compromises detailed in The Times yesterday. In a thinlyattended extraordinary meeting, no questions were raised about the scheme, which allows staff to subscribe for up to £8 million of shares, but only pay for them if the market price rises above 206.6p. Its shares held at 201p yesterday.

Pemberstone payout

PEMBERSTONE, which specialises in buying, managing and subsequently selling Business Expansion Scheme (BES) assured tenancy companies, is paying an interim dividend of lp a share after reporting pre-tax profits of £1.1 million for the half-year to June 30. After a restructuring, there is no direct comparison for the first half of the previous year. Profits were £373,000 for the 18 months to December 31. Pembersione has bought seven BES companies since its September 1995 float.

Reverse for Zergo

ZERGO, the software security company whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market, incurred losses of E214.693 before tax in the year to the end of April, compared with profits of £12,769 in the previous year. The loss was struck after an exceptional charge of £247,000 against a property writedown. There was a second-half profit of 1512,000, compared with first-half losses of £479,000, Zergo shares rose 10p to 230p. There is no dividend.

Bank group advances

CS HOLDING, Switzerland's second biggest banking group. reported a 26 per cent rise in net profits to SFr941 million (£4926 million) in the first six months of 1996. CS. parent of Credit Suisse and of CS First Boston, the US investment banking group, earned SFr749 million in the first half of the previous year. CS Holding said restructuring measures, announced in July, were expected to lead to a sustained improvement in the group's performance in future years.

Jarvis starts expansion

JARVIS HOTELS has begun its promised expansion with the E8.6 million purchase of the former Scandic Crown Hotel at Garwick. The company earmarked £60 million for acquisitions from £133 million raised when Jarvis floated in June. The hotel, being acquired from Scandic Hotels Group, has 151 bedrooms, conference facilities and a health and leisure seen 15 per cent growth in room yields since April.

ACCOUNTANCY

Panic attack with Customs bias

Proposals to impose limits on VAT refunds unbalance the rights of

taxpayers, says Richard Watson

hen I last wrote in these columns about the "missing" VAT revenue. I predicted that one of the actions the Government might take to stem the outflow would be to impose limits on refund claims. It gives me no pleasure to have been proved right, and so quickly.

From July 18, any claim for a refund of tax resulting from an error is limited to three years This means that even businesses that have been specifically misdirected by Customs & Excise to adopt a certain tax treatment will only be able to recover overpaid tax for the last three years. The interest they are able to claim on undeclared tax will also be limited to three years. If legal proceedings stretch over three years, the appellant will not recover all the tax paid in that period, even if he wins.

It is clear why the Govern-ment has done this. Extremely large sums of revenue collected over many years were being repaid as a result of mistakes by taxpayers and by Customs. However, this does not make their action right, not least because they have retained the power for Customs to assess for a period of up to six years.

Andersen drafts

unity blueprint

The refund provisions do not work as the Government would like, partly because they have been badly drafted. Moreover, the courts have interpreted the concept of "unjust enrichment", which was supposed to be Custom's defence against paying out too much, in such a way as to render it a broken reed.

As a result, the new legislation, which has just been published in draft, not only imposes the three-year limit. but also effectively redefines "unjust enrichment". Inevitably, the redefinition is much more favourable to Customs and will of course apply to all claims in the future.

The timing of this measure Paymaster General announced in Parliament that this policy was going to be implemented with immediate effect, and Parliament would not have an opportunity to debate it until the Finance Bill debates of next year. Until then, Customs will operate this policy under their powers

of "care and management". Although it is true that the VAT Act does give them powers of care and management of the tax, this does not, to my mind, give them carte blanche to override what is very clear



Richard Watson says the new VAT proposals are unfair

law. Section 80 of the VAT Act care and management. If care gives an absolute right to the taxpayer to secure a refund of overpaid tax in certain circumstances. That right is now being taken away for periods over three years, not by a further decision of Parliament, but by administrative fiat. It is simply not good enough to say that this is a question of

and management can extend to these proposals it is possible for Customs to alter other aspects of the tax because they don't like the results emerging from the courts.

To deny the right of refund on the basis of a subsequent change in legislation is also, I believe, wrong because it does

not address the very real issue that underlies the provision of a refund mechanism in the first place. People make mis-takes in VAT. When those mistakes are discovered, they should be put right whether they favour the Revenue or are against the Revenue. Currently, Customs can put

right mistakes against them over a six-year period. The law says that they can put right mistakes in their favour over an unlimited period. The justification for that imbalance is that Customs are in control: they decide when to visit and check a taxpayer's accounts.

The new proposals significantly unbalance the rights of the taxpayer and the taxing authorities in the opposite direction. As a result they make VAT a much more unfair tax. If there is to be a time restriction on refund claims, six years would seem to be the only possible choice. However, there are other options, which I hope to discuss in a subsequent article.

I hope that the discussions

that Customs will be holding with the profession and business generally will convince them, and the Government, that this is a panic measure, which should be put back into the cupboard while they reexamine the real issue: how to establish equity between the taxpayer and the tax authorities when genuine mistakes are made by both parties.
The author is VAT partner at
Price Waterhouse

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SPURNING August siumbers, wide. Parmers expect details in early September. Voting will be three weeks later. Rumighty Arthur Andersen, as befits the world's biggest accountancy firm, is in a high mour has it that things will state of anneipation. not stay the same. Nor will any great splits occur.

Worrying about another threat from their fast-growing Expect Larry Weinbach. Ansister organisation, Andersen dersen's worldwide chief, to come up with a timely reminder Consulting, to break away, a group of partners have been that the Andersen brand is the greatest in the world, and with a beavering away to produce a new structure that delicately redefines all those businesses

under the Andersen roof without annoying any of them so much that they go elsewhere.

Staying cool

MICHAEL Heseltine should be watching. As the profession awaits a decision by his former Department of Trade on policy on litigation, the Deputy Prime Minister should note reaction to the latest development. Price

Waterhouse has settled its litigation, as administrator of the Maxwell empire, with Coopers & Lybrand. Coopers has stumped up \$68 million. And no one batted an eyelid. Except, presumably. Coopers

Defeat not so sweet GIVEN the endless controver-

confectionery in the annals of VAT cases, there was a degree of anticipation when a delegation led by Peter Jenkins, of Ernst & Young, and represent-ing the Big Six firms, met Cus-toms & Excise to warn it over current plans to limit refunds and repayments. When the tea and biscuits came round, would Customs be man enough to offer Jaffa cakes, one of their most notorious defeats? Sadly the answer was

- ROBERT BRUCE

You can't have your teacake and VAT it

ROBERT

BRUCE

VAT continues to be the most extraordinary of taxes. When it was introduced, the then Chancellor of the Exchequer. Anthony Barber, said we would have "the simplest VAT in Europe". It is a remark that has come to haunt the Treasury. VAT. they thought, would be simple. After all it is a simple percentage tax and reimbursal system. To someone with no guile at all, VAT would seem

to be a book entry and little more.

But the current Chancellor thinks otherwise. Not only was a supposed shortfall of revenue through VAT avoidance fingered earlier this year as the reason why the nation's finances were in a mess, but, since then, increasingly clumsy efforts to cut back on people obtaining refunds and repayments

of VAT have been made.

At the same time, VAT is understood by few.

And that is probably why the Chancellor blamed VAT shortfalls. Most people have no understanding of VAT, and, given the complexity of the tax, they should probably keep it that

way. But it does make it easy for the Government to say that something is all the fault of mischievous VAT plan-ning. It knows that most people have no way of indopeople have no way of judg-ing whether this is true or not. For the sheer complexity of the tax we need look no further than that wonderful compendium of all that is wild and wacky in the VAT world. Tolley's VAT Cases 1996 (published by Tolleys at £64.50) is the business.

It is a thousand pages of the stunningly arcane non-sense that has to be argued over by those who interpret and rule on VAT decisions. And through it you can glimpse the detail of domes-tic and business life in all its

glory. There are arguments over beach huts, chiropractors, fishfood, bingo, doughnuts, cricket scorecards and even the Big Dipper on Blackpool beach.

This year's edition brings some notable new quirks to a wider audience. Take Customs and Excise's interest in Girl Guide uniforms. Like most VAT disputes, it stems from borderline decisions. Or, in this case, the point where clothes move from the zero-rated realm of children's wear to that of grown-ups, where VAT is payable. Girl Guides sweatpants were deemed to be VATable if the waist measurement was 32 inches or upwards. But then the commissioners took their tape measures out and measured a waistcrutch-waist measurement. At 23 inches this was deemed not suitable for adults and the VAT burden was lifted. No one had told them the current trent in fashion was for waifs who fit such garments. Food also provides some notably daft decisions. What Customs classifies as beverages are standard-rated. But tea, like food, is zero-rated. What, in that case, of iced tea? Given the chance, a government will always impose a tax rather than abolish it. leed tea is standard-rated.

But there are some decisions that do contain an inkling of common sense. Take another case from the banleground of adult/children clothing. Customs argued that a range of children's riding hats were made in sizes that could fit adults and therefore should bear VAT. Nonsense, said the tribunal. The hats had cartoon characters on them and bore the logo "Kids Own". Grown-ups wearing them would be exposed to "ridicule or contempt". The case was won.

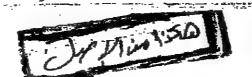
All this lengthy arguing over seemingly areane detail now obscures the real issue. And

that is that the Government has suddenly woken up to the importance of one of its taxes. You get the impression that policymakers had always rather ignored VAT. probably because they too had no real idea of its consequences. Suddenly the issues are threefold. There is the dev-

elopment of anti-avoidance measures, the enhancement of collection powers and efficiency and, most recently, the arbitrary restriction of any rebates that people could claim. It was the rebates that carried the most potential to alarm the Chancellor, VAT experts toss out little examples with far-reaching conse-quences. "Never forget," one said to me recently, that the Marks & Spencer teacake case rost the

Exchequer around £360 million." And that sums up the issue. Something that appears to be but a detail can cost the tax collectors a large amount of revenue.

So it is no wonder that the Government is trying to restrict rebates. And no wonder that bodies such as the Scots ICA accuse them of breaking everything from Citizen's Charters to European law. And no wonder that delegations from the Big Six firms, such as the one led last week by Peter Jenkins, of Ernst & Young, are trying to urge a rethink. It is virtually impossible, politically, to raise VAT. The only way the tax-take can be increased is by raising existing revenues. And that is the only simple thing left about VAT policy.



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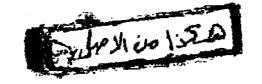


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FILM 1

Mayhem, murder and Arnie: the classic ingredients, incoherently mixed, go into the thriller Eraser



FILM 2

, but there are welcome signs of humanity in The Perez Family, a saga of immigrant life

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FILM 3

.. and a superb Iranian epic. Abbas Kiarostami's Where is my Friend's House?, comes to the ICA



FILM 4

Meanwhile, there is humour of the blackest variety to spice the murderous content of The Last Supper

He shoots, he scores, he bores

CINEMA: Geoff Brown is himself a witness in need of protection after enduring the Schwarzenegger gore-fest that is Eraser, but he finds solace in Iranian humanity

he killing machine is back, with a body sculpted in a thousand gyms and a permanent grimace. "I verk Arnold Schwarzenegger His work in Eraser is witness protection. He is a federal marshal. John Kruger by name. although he comes with no background, and no characterisation other than being "the best there is". He is Schwarzenegger. This is a summer blockbuster. What more do we need to know?

Maybe the tally of weapons and corpses. The principal weapon is a gun that fires electro-magnetic impulses, and tracks its victims through brick walls. This hardware was meant for American eyes alone, but a defence corporation plans a shipment abroad to what Schwarzenegger calls "some very nasty people". For the climax he wears two of the ray guns, thrust under the armpits, blasting away in phallic splendour.

But despite the fancy weapons and the conglomerate of action highlights, a perfunctory air hangs over Eraser. This is no high-concept affair, no thrill-a-minute ride such as Mission: Impossible, but a dishevelled B-movie trying to look far grander than it is. The script shoves ingredients together without at-tempting to make something organic. A splatter of mayhem, then a pool

of sentiment, then a callous remark. A plot that refuses to make even nominal sense, and special effects which in this day and age seem merely ordinary. These are the elements hurled in our faces by director Charles Russell, who showed far more care when directing Jim Carrey in The Mask. Colourful acting on the film's

fringes helps the time to pass. James Lazn's iuitowed drow gets a good workout as Arnie's devious mentor. James Coburn contributes silverhaired class as the boss of the witness protection programme. Vanessa Williams, too, buckles down to work as the defence corporation employee willing to blow the whistle.

But Schwarzenegger sweeps all before him. He slams a head into a fridge door. He pumps characters with bullets. He snarls "You're luggage!" as he aims his firepower at alligators let loose in the Central Park zoo. Nice man. For a more humane view of life

audiences may be tempted by The Perez Family, a colourful if incoherent saga of love, hope and longing among Cuban immigrants, based on the novel by Christine Bell. The time is 1980, the year of the

Mariel boatlift, when, for five months. Castro allowed his undestrubles to ship out for Florida. Among them is Alfred Molina, as a plantation owner who spent 20 years in jail cosseting memories of Anjelica Huston, his emigrated wife. Another is Marisa Tomei, as Dottie, life force and prostitute.

Eraser Warner West End, 18, 114 mins Dishevelled vehicle for Arnold Schwarzenegger The Perez Family Plaza, 15, 112 mins

Wayward tale of Cuban immigrants Where is my Friend's House? ICA Cinema, 90 mins Meet Abbas Kiarostami,

The Last Supper irgin Haymarket, 15, 92 mins Jet-black comedy becomes stuck in a rut

iranian director

Original Gangstas ABC Tottenham Court Road, 18, 90 mins Refreshing street gang drama

While Huston waits nervously for her husband's return. Molina and Tomei form a bogus family at the immigration compound in the Orange Bowl Stadium, Meanwhile, Huston drifts into a hesitant romance with police officer Chazz Palminteri. Will these Cuban siders ever settle down in America? And if so, with whom?

These should be the film's burning questions, but Mira Nair, the Indian director of Salaam Bombay! and, less successfully, Mississippi Masala, takes them off the boil by shifting so much between styles and tones. Nothing flows. Warm com-edy becomes hectic melodrama. In her urge to be the ultimate Cuban spitfire. Tomei shouts too much in a burdensome accent, while Molina and Huston underplay. Nair's sensitivity towards cultural outsiders is obvious, but so is her tendency to dither and drag her heels.

This film is best when it plays pianissimo: Huston nervously awaiting the returning hero in a house overladen with security gadgets; Palminteri building their quiet romance through doorstep encounters: these are the moments when The Perez Family charms.

But for truly humane cinema this week, there is only one place to go: the ICA. The film is Iranian, and nine years old. Am I putting you of?? But, reader, if you do not see Where is My Friend's House?, or other films by Abbas Kiarostami, you miss experiencing cinema of breath-taking simplicity and power. Kiarostami's international reput-

ation has grown steadily, although in Britain audiences know him only for his script for The White Balloon, In France his films are repertory staples. He has earned the praise of Kurosawa and Jean-Luc Godard, on the surface an odd pair of talents. But the coupling makes sense. Godard would appreciate Kiarostami's formal interests, his mindboggling long shots, and his teasing of the boundaries between film and reality. Kurosawa would revel in the films' passionate humanity, and the snatching of poetry from daily lives.

ade in 1987, Where is My Friend's House? shares some of the ingredients of The White Balloon. A child has a problem, and Kiarostami's patient camera watches a solution being found. A village boy accidentally takes home his classmate's exercise book. To prevent retribution from the teacher, he needs to return the book. But where is his friend's house? Travelling up the zig-zag path to the next village, he follows a trail of false leads in the gathering

Some people took against the little desperate to buy a pretty goldfish. But no one should have problems with this grave little hero in his rustbrown sweater, blue jeans and freckles. Kiarostami films his moral quandaries as he films the landscapes of stone houses and scrub: with love, respect and a poet's eye,

Where Is My Friend's House? is powerful enough on its own terms. But if you know that almost all the cast lost their lives when the region was devastated by the 1990 earthquake, then the film becomes so much more precious. Kiarostami himself was deeply affected, and has filled two further films with reverberations from the tragedy. In And Life Goes On . . . , double-billed with



They think it's all over . . . but is it? Arnold Schwarzenegger and Vanessa Williams get close in Eraser

dramatises his own efforts to find his young actors among the rubble. Through the Olive Trees, due for commercial release here in December, is a film about making And Life Goes On ...

But no matter how many layers of fiction or reality Kiarostami puts before his audience, the effect of his images is always direct. They have a raw beauty and passion that contemporary cinema needs desperately; especially in a week when Schwarzenegger is blasting people to smithereens.

The death rate is also high in The Last Supper, an unusual offering from a new American director. Stacy Title. But these deaths come

espouses some belief not to the taste five lowa graduate students. Racists, homophobes, anti-abortionists, Black Muslims; the net is spread wide. Each victim is done in at a dinner party and reduced to compost, fertilising an impressive crop of tomatoes in the garden.

At first the extreme black humour and the attractive cast of Cameron Diaz, Ron Eldard, Annabeth Gish and company keep the film on its toes. Then, after a while, it stops dancing. Title keeps us imprisoned by talk in the students' house. One dead body follows another; and, although the self-justifying squabbles add variety, the film never breaks free of the plot's straitjacket.

Orig agreeable, has several points of interest. The director is Larry Cohen, a slapdash, offbeat talent rightly cherished for romps such as Q - The Winged Serpent and The Private Files of I. Edgar Hoover. It places its street gang drama in Gary, Indiana, homicide capital of America. It sends the camera on eloquent journeys down distressed or burnt-out streets. And it rounds up the "blaxploitation" stars of the 1970s (Fred Williamson, Jim Brown, Pam Grier), pitching them against the new punk commandos who thrive on drugs and drive-by shootings. Cohen's film is often artiess, but it gives a usually dismal genre a very refreshing tweak.

'Worth a look'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

ERASER

Toby White, 22: Entertaining action formula. Arnie shoots terrorists. Arnie saves forlorn lemale. Arnie utters witty quip. Worth a look ... if you like that sort of thing.

David Whippe. 20: The usual Schwarzenegger fare - great

action, good effects and a dialogue deficiency.

Marie Darvill. 18: Arnie attempts to show his sensitive side as well as his huge biceps. Lots of explosions and good pacing mean you don't have to think about this film.

Piers Thomas, 22: An actionpacked rollercoaster with some good special effects.

THE PEREZ FAMILY

Toby: Utterly charming. A little slow, but with many wonderfully endearing mo-ments. A must-see for the sentimentalist in all of us. David: A likeable romantic comedy essentially about the conflict between love and loyalty. Good performances all

Marie: A sensitive and funny film about how love can grow out of adversity. The wonder-ful script and the colourful Cuban background mean you come out of the cinema feeling better than when you went in. Piers: Flipping great! Totally believable melancholy interaction between characters. Alfred Molina and Anjelica Huston are very believable as the divided spouses.

ORIGINAL GANGSTAS Toby: An original slant on the black urban tragedy, but realto see how not to make a

movie, watch this. David: Original Gangstas attempts to ask questions and supply answers on the subject of social attitudes towards urban violence. It does neither and turns instead into a pointless bloodfest.

Marie: The basic message is contradictory and, rather than being challenging, the huge death toll just makes Original Gangstas disgusting.
Piers: Utterly unconvincing mindless pap! Totally unbe-

lievable characters. Swearing,

shooting and hanging in the

COMEDY: Musical pastiche and wide-ranging stand-up storm the Fringe

Characters find an audience

aking the mickey out of the music business is all the rage in the comedy world. More than one funnyman on the Edinburgh Fringe can be seen impersonating composers, having one flailing stab at their keyboards and -hey presto — composing the soundtrack for Psycho. It's a cinch. Pop stars are mimicked. with tongues in checks, here there and everywhere. Maybe stand-ups, the so-called rock'n'rollers of the 1990s, have started laughing subtly

at themselves. Meanwhile, classical composers do not escape the japes either. Hans Liberg from Holland (playing at the Pleasance) is a deeply eccentric joker in the pack for the more cultured punter. Austerely shorn, like some Buddhist concert planist, he gives a satirical lecture concerning the history of music. Nipping, in faintly disturbing spats and scarlet pyjamas, between his mini-grand and his absurdly blue-tiled Dutch harpsichord. he pulls random faces from behind intellectual specs.

Meanwhile, he puts his finger mercilessly on Mozart's fave chord-sequence: a climactic plink plonk every time. He dusts during Liszt's long pauses and airs a hitherto unknown tinkle by J.S. Bach:

The Windmills of Your Mind.
Some jokes fall flat. Perhaps Liberg also slips between two stools: too esoteric for some. too easy for others when demonstrating, for example, the similarity between classical melodies and the catchy tunes of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Spasmodically, however. Liberg is madly inspired.



Latino pop lyries ("Cantare-oo," anyone?) transcendentally transmogrify into a castrato aria, surely by Handel. Character comedy is also

strong this year. Some standups, trying to move into theatrical performance, are awkward. The impossibly gangly Ben Moor (also at the Pleasance) has a naturally hilarious body. His neck just carries on all the way down.

Moor is experimenting with the overlap of stand-up and storytelling. At this stage, though, his mock-mystery thriller Twelve drags its feet while his persona hovers undecidedly between that of a vaguely film noir-style narrator and a nerdy schoolboy.

Richard Herring, half of television's Fist of Fun duo. looks vaguely embarrassed about appearing in his own dull-witted play, Punk's Not Dead, about a bunch of twentysomething blokes dressing up like Johnny Rotten and banging on about their puerile adulation of the Sex Pistols. Outrageously slovenly writing.

Startlingly entertaining, however, is Al Murray, acting the archetypal yob pub landlord (Pleasance Over The

Road). We are in with him for a late lock-in. He's yelling, effing, swilling lager, spoiling for a fight and cracking jokes about every foreign nationality he can call to his tiny mind. It sounds like a nightmare, doesn't it? Actually, Murray's character bursts with energy. enjoying himself enormously, shutting up drunk hecklers with razor-sharp put-downs. He looks like a psychotic bruiser but has a lovely twinkle in his eye. He is fond of this frightful character but also quietly savages his bigotry. At the Assembly Rooms, Sir

Bernard Chumley (Matt Lu cas incognito) is also decep-tively skilful. This show is superficially shoddy and politically incorrect: all terrible wigs, polyester trousers and sniggers about homos. In fact behind the mayhern, this young performer (supported by two saddo sidekicks) is a fine clown, acting his socks off as the spittle-spraying hideous old bore and closet perv, veering convincingly between a mentally deranged tramp and a plummy raconteur.

KATE BASSETT

omebody should write a radio play about the depressingly early age of a senior BBC executive. Although the plot is not mind, the story yet fully formed in my mind, the story could be set around the numerous farewell parties, lunches and dinners that such executives always have to attend. I see the hero as having a strong English name and a strong BBC background. It would be too obvious to cast him as Director-General, or even as one of the leading television lights. No. 1 think the Controller of a radio network would be my choice.

The reason for setting the play at various retirement bashes is that these occasions are always littered with cliched cant. By sampling all of the speeches the retiree hears in his honour. the radio listener could only conclude that the departure of this great man is an event so monumental that it will bring the BBC crashing down. Which raises the question (enter

Hail and farewell

RADIO

suspense) of why he is retiring at all. Of course, the play's climactic moment would involve our hero, a thoroughly decent and talented man, standing up to respond to these platitudes and saying what he actually thinks. After all, consider what will have happened to him (told in flashback) since he became Controller ten years before: passed over for managing director of BBC Radio in favour of some upstart from commercial television; made acting MD when the upstart upped and left, only to see the job renamed and handed to a man who

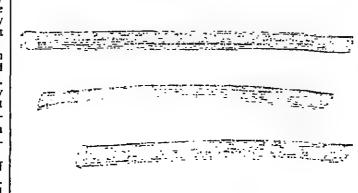
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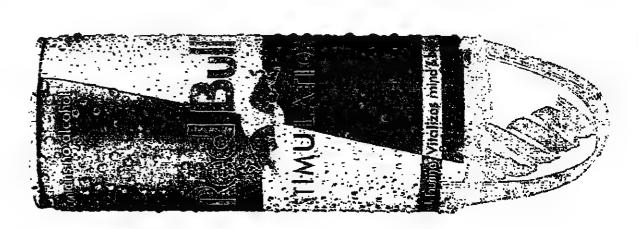
ed purative art. The real Controller of Radio 4, whose name will come to me at any minute, is having his back slapped and his glass refilled, prior to retiring next week at the age of 55. So another great idea bites the dust. A

pity, for I was beginning to think this could make a series, if not a soap. Certainly a great crowd scene offers itself, in which all the people who have ever written to him demanding his head for moving Woman's Hour or hiring Gerry Anderson now march on Broadcasting House insisting on the indefinite postponement of his retirement.

Yes, somebody should write a radio play about Michael Green. If his successor, James Boyle, is as much like Green as I suspect he is, most of us will be very happy.

PETER BARNARD





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In Edinburgh. András Schiff plays Brahms's piano concertos VENUE: Tonight at the Usher Hall



■ CHOICE 2

Dinsdale Landen stars in a revival of James Saunders's Bodies VENUE: In preview at

the Orange Tree, Richmond

Saunders's wife-awapping drama, originally produced here and in the West End in 1977 Desirac Hill draets Orange Tree, Cuarence St, Richmond (0181-940-3633) Preview toright, 7.45pm, Opens tomorrow, 7.45pm, Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs (Aug 29, Sep 5 and 12), 2.30pm; Set from Aug 31), 4pm. Until October S

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A double helping of Brahms is on the festival menu tonight as András Schill and the Philihermonte Orchestre partorn the composer is no mighty name concertos. Kurt Sandering conducts — his Edinburgh Festival debut (Ushar Heli, 7 Storm). More peans music can be found at the Queen's Hall (11 am) where Benjamin Frith and the Emperor String Queen's Plano Concertos Nos 11, 12 and 13 played in the manner of the salors of 18th century Vienna. Over at the international Conference Centre (7 30pm) John Contenence Centre (7 30pm) John McGrath's A Settine of the Four Betales commune as run. The aumor directs his own work, a mix of music and comedy, which takes a sabrical look at the press basons and media moguls of the press.

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B A HANDFUL OF DUST Arrow, PG. 1988

IN THE wake of the television success of Brideshead Revisited, another Evelyn Waugh novel received the tasteful caress of director Charles Sturridge. Sharper hands were needed to extract the best from Waugh's bitter tale of a doomed marriage, but the acting and settings provide their own plush pleasures. The stiff upper-lipped husband is James Wilby; the unfaithful wife, Kristin Scott Thomas.

■ TRAINSPOTTING PolyGram, 18, 1996

THE lives of heroin addicts from the side of Edinburgh that tourists never see: suppositories, needles, retching and writhing, pint glasses dropped on to people's heads. Swerving madly from realism to fantasy, the film of Irvine Welsh's cult novel offers audiences no easy refuge. There is no condemnation of drugs, no strong plot to provide the comforts of fiction. The film is made by the triumvirate who made Shallow Grave: writer John Hodge, director Danny Boyle, producer Andrew Macdonald. That black comedy, however, was nothing next to this ferocious beast. Available



Computer-aided African wildlife comes crashing through a New Hampshire town in spectacular Jumanji

IVAN THE TERRIBLE

Tartan, PG, 1944-6 EISENSTEIN'S towering epic, left incomplete at his death in 1948, thrusts us into the power struggles of lothcentury Russia. Nikolai Cherkassov dwarfs all other actors as the ruthless Tsar, whose progress we follow from triumph to setback to triumph; though he faces strong competition from Prokofiev's music and Eisenstein's brings toys to life, including a 3in overpowering flair for the telling American Indian who appears before image and the theatrical gesture.

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stories about a magic cupboard that

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ST PETERSBURG, the Kirov and Valery Gergiev have not got a complete monopoly of Rimsky-Korsakov. This is the first message of a double album of two of the composer's full-length operas with Moscow casts. Both are based on "seasonal" short stories by Gogol set in Ukraine. Both are folksy fantasies with witches. devils and a full cast of comic rustics, plus the young lovers. A neat if lengthy coupling. May Night is an early work,

a bit naive and a bit thin

dramatically. It has a reward-

ing role for the tenor, who

needs the help of a waternymph to prise his girl away from the clutches of his own father. Vitaly Tarashchenko has a clean if plangent voice. whether telling of restless pond spirits or serenading Hanna. Rimsky draws heaviiv on Ukrainian folk song and dance and the Bolshoi Orchestra with Khristiakov handle all this with aplomb.

Christmas Eve, seen not long ago at the Coliseum. is much more ambitious and packed with incident. A bit over-packed. Ekatarina Kudriavshchenko is the star singer as the demanding Oxana, who refuses to marry her swain until he flies off to St Petersburg (courtesy of Devil Airlines) and comes back with a pair of the Tsarina's slippers. This journey fills most of Act III with magical music, starting with the Dances of the Stars and soon moving into a massive courtly polonaise. Top playing from Yurovsky and his Forum Orchestra. Moscow cannot claim singers of Kirov quality, but Bogachov makes a pleasing slippersearcher.

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BEETHOVEN Piano Concertos Nos 1 & 2 Immerseel/Tafelmusik/

Sony Vivarte SK 68250 *** ONE of the more welcome results of the enormous proliferation of CDs in recent years has been Sony's Vivarte label. Dedicated to historically informed performances, it has steadily built up a formidable catalogue ranging from Handel concertos through Haydn masses to Brahms chamber music. The Canadian periodinstrument ensemble Tafelmusik - still far too little known in this country - has been responsible for many fine discs, and now it presents Beethoven's first two piano concertos in spirited but sensitive readings under Bruno

The orchestral sound is lithe and lean, with woody flutes, an attractively metallic edge to the strings, and - in the slow movements — a limpid tone of

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Jos van Immerseel brings an acute sensibility to bear on his instrument, a copy of a late 18th-century Walter. Inflections of tone and variety of articulation leave nothing to be desired, and true to the spirit of the thing. Immerseel even improvises his own cadenzas. With no rival versions of these works on period instruments available, there is no need to hesitate.

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Demenga/Zehetmair ECM 1571 449 904-2 *** ALBAN BERG once remarked that classical music should be played as if it were new, and new music as if it were classical. The cellist Thomas Demenga makes a habit of juxtaposing Baroque

and 20th-century repertoire in his recitals; and on this invigorating new disc he and two colleagues match Bach's Cello Suite No 2 with solo sonatas Zehetmair) and viola (Christoph Schiller) by the composer Bernd Alois Zimmermann.

Demenga sings and dances his way through the Bach with eloquence. Zimmermann's 1951 Violin Sonata is a deliberate homage to Bach, and Zehetmair relishes the composer's working of a B-A-C-H motif and Bachian figuration as a means of articulating his distinctive, stern ardour of expression. There are notes aplenty, for example, in his 1955 Viola Sonata, more a whimsical chorale prelude. making testing and tactile demands of the viola: while the Cello Sonata of 1960 is revealed by Demenga as a highly intricate patterning of pulses and pitches — a won-derfully enriching context for his original Bach.

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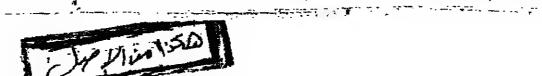
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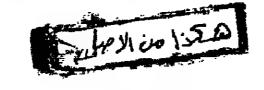
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DANCE

The old mastery is displayed as Baryshnikov brings his company to the Coliseum



THEATRE

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OPERA

The rarest of rare Rossini is unearthed and staged with great gusto at Pesaro's festival



TOMORROW

Can a new musical by Jim Cartwright recreate the Sixties? Benedict Nightingale gives his verdict

First among equals

DANCE: Debra Craine sees

Mikhail Baryshnikov bring his

White Oak Project to London

star. No matter how much Mikhail Baryshnikov may deny his celebrity — and he does play the role of humble dancer very well indeed - it is what has kept his White Oak Dance Project alive these past six years. Baryshnikov, now 48, is the one they all come to see, and if along the way they absorb some challenging new choreography, all the better.

White Oak's track record in commissioning work reads like a Who's Who of contemporary American dance: Paul Taylor, Twyla Tharp, Lar Lubovitch, Jerome Robbins, Dana Reitz, and, of course, Mark Morris, who helped Baryshnikov to set up the enterprise after he hung up his pink prince's slippers in 1990. But the company is also dedicated to nurturing less familiar artists and this is the work which opens and closes White Oak's Coliseum programme. Unfortunately, these are something of a disappointment.

Ruthlyn Salomons is a dancer in the company; Quiet As It's Kept marks her choreographic debut with White Oak. Set to Villa-Lobos, it features a quartet of women linked in a liquid dance of vacuous purpose. The lighting is moody, dappled and dark; the costumes are patterned silk; the choreography is posed and listless, with a whiff of the Orient about it. The total

Kraig Patterson, responsible for the programme-closer What a Beauty! (set to Smetana's String Quartet No I), is part of the Mark Morris dance family. And like Morris, there is an underlying sadness in his choreography for five couples, a sense that initial happy encounters are shortlived, that loneliness and failure will greet those brave enough to knock at the door of I love. Patterson's choice of steps tells us what we need to know, but he has trouble sustaining his ideas, letting

the work drift off course. The best of the evening was courtesy of Merce Cunningham, who has been making dances for more than 50 years.

nce a star, always a His superb Septet comes from 1953, the year he founded his company - Cunningham's genius was there from the start. Accompanied by Satie's Trois Morceaux en forme de poire, Septet is filled with an amuzing invention, integrity and wit. The protracted balances and torso-tilting sculptures are never allowed to get too serious, too self-important; a cheeky non-sequitur lurks around every corner.

The dancers of White Oak, especially Jamie Bishton, lap up the playfulness and sly humour, even though they lack the exactness which Cunningham's own troupe bring to the work. Here, as elsewhere, the music was played live: White Oak travels with its own fine musicians.

As a reward to the audience, there were two solos for Baryshnikov himself (he was part of the ensemble in What a Beau(v!). Three Russian Preludes, by Morris, is a delightful concection (sparked by three Shostakovich Preludes) tailor-made for Baryshnikov's articulate intensity.

ucked into a restrictive waistcoat and tight collar, Baryshnikov looks like a stuffy, middle-aged academic straining at the leash. With a single stare, he sees landscapes; with a single step, he suggests an odyssey. Morris observes how everything is a possibility for Baryshnikov as a dancer — as, indeed, it has been since he left Russia more than 20 years ago - and also how the journey has both liberated and wearied him.

By contrast, José Limón's 1942 solo Chaconne has a sweep and self-confidence that rides the music (Bach) with flair and determination. And, again, Baryshnikov astounds us with his dancing. He still retains the dazzling technical perfection from his days as a classical dancer, but what is more exciting is how he invests every tiny moment with equal respect and attention. inhabiting the choreography with an almost spiritual devotion. Dancing doesn't get any better than this - and that's why the man will always be a



to Pacini but recomposed by Rossini for Naples the following year - the Neapolitan

version was given at Pesaro. It is a medieval spoof anticipating Le Comte Ory, and thence much of Offenbach. Count Corradino the Iron-Hearted is a militaristic misogynist, terrorising his tenants and drilling his soldiery into the ground; naturally all he needs (and gets) is the love of a good woman, Matilde; she survives being hurled over a precipice on his orders (the hurler, a bad poet, explains away her re-

Pesaro has an easier task than, say, Bayreuth, restricted to recycling Wagner's mature canon of only ten: Pesaro mounts three pieces a year,

and more than a decade can

pass without much risk of

Last week it fielded virtually

a Rossini premiere, Matilde di Shabran, which had not

been seen anywhere since

1892. This need not be taken to

mean that it isn't any good.

The survival and revival of

Rossini operas is a matter of

pure chance - after all

Ermione, once again flooring

audiences at Glyndebourne

with its febrile dramatic pow-

er. languished unperformed

for far longer.

Matilde is officially an op-

era semiseria, though there proved to be precious little

seria about this delightfully

zany comedy. It was composed

to a libretto by Giacomo

(Cenerensola) Ferretti in a

characteristic rush for the

carnival season in Rome in

1821, with some numbers in

the second act subcontracted

repetition.

appearence by reporting that he only hurled her metaphorically), and celebrates the happy end with the memorable words: "Women are born to conquer and rule." The plot is thickened by a travesti mezzo warrior languishing in Corradino's dungeons: her two arias momentarily supply the seria element. The action proceeds through ensembles rather than formal arias and duets, and Ferretti's text is full of

ripely comic situations to

which Rossini responds with

It was most expertly con-

ducted and paced by Yves

tongue-in-cheek insouciance.

Rossini Opera Festival Pesaro

OPERA: A Rossini treasure, and a haunting Britten

Tuck into a rare

Neapolitan treat

Abel - the first act lasts for more than two hours but never felt like it - and the producer-designer. caught the anarchic humour by ensuring that everyone on stage took themselves desperately seriously. Sadly Bruce Ford, around whom the production was planned, had to withdraw with wisdom-tooth trouble, but the management found a remarkable substitute in the 23-year-old Peruvian tenor Juan Diego Florez, who made light of Corradino's high-flying lines and made an

ideally fatuous, Great Dictator-like figure of him. Elizabeth Futral was an enchanting Matilde - her entry with a parasol in blush pink amid the martial-arts exercises was a moment to rreasure - and the mezzo Patricia Spence sang her two arias with grave beauty. Matilde is not a lost masterpiece on the scale of Ory, but its century-long neglect is as absurd as it is undeserved.

There were two revivals. L'occasione fa il ladro was given in the popular but, to my eyes, insufferably twee Ponnelle production, in which Rockwell Blake, a great local favourite, and Eva Mei sang with much elegance. Ricciardo e Zoraide, a Naples-period opera seria (1818), was infinite-

as a production, decidedly rum. The director Luca Ronconi took the Nubian setting at face value, so most of the soloists, all of the chorus and the army of extras were blacked up to the nines; it was like a Minstrel Show with a superior score, and one half expected the cast to break into a rousing chorus of Mammy. Add a characterisation of the Nubian King Agorante that made Waugh's Black Mischief look positively tasteful, and you have a staging that — how to put it? — might not travel easily, certainly not across the Atlantic.

It was nevertheless beauti-

fully designed and lit, and musically very powerful. Again, Ricciardo may not be in the Rossini top ten, but it is full of interesting and innovative ideas, and David Parry kept it all briskly on the move. Charles Workman's Ferrando and Almaviva for ENO, excellent though they were, had not prepared me for his superb performance as Agorante: not an ugly sound all evening. liquid phrasing, crystal-clear diction. Gregory Kunde was barely less successful as his Christian antagonist Ricciardo, and Mariana Pentcheva came on with all guns blazing as the vengeful Nubian queen, a sort of dry run for Amneris. Anna Rita Taliento sounded out of sorts as Zoraide, and was unkindly booed for her

RODNEY MILNES



Pesaro's rewarding if rum revival of Ricciardo e Zoraide

Chills on a hot night

ALL Broomhill ever lacked was a ghost. Peter Quint and Miss Jessel dutifully took up residence at the start of the week in Kent's Italianate, cuswith its spooky water tower. its endless corridors and its tiny, dark theatre. And what a haunting was theirs!
A sickly moon even saw fit

to rise over the white lake outside, just as Flora well nigh drowned her dolly before the interval. And Quint himself stalked the theatre's dark galleries, permeating every atom of its sultry air. But nowhere was his presence more powerfully felt than in his absence. During his long, melismatic serenade to Miles, he remained invisible, his elusive voice as bold and beautiful as the aurora borealis of light playing on the backdrop.

(which runs on Saturday and Sunday, then on August 28, 30, 31) knows that, for Britten's ever-troubling ceremony of innocence lost and drowned. nothing succeeds like an empty space. Her designers, Jane Singleton and John Bishop (lighting), use only curtains: a sheet of trembling silk at the front, heavy off-white drapes mid-stage, and a dark shadow of gauze at the back. As the children sing in the churchyard in Act II, a Commendatore-like statue, all veiled in black, stands, apparently unobserved, on a central plinth. With the chilling speed with which these scenes elide, Miss Jessel descends from it, and it becomes the Governess's desk. In this tiny monochrome

world of shadows and silhouettes, there is no hiding place. Ward leaves her characters alone, centre-stage, whenever possible: their solitude is emphasised, their yearning for human contact - and control - almost palpable. Britten's music does the rest. His 15 variations, each one turning the screw even tighter.

The Turn of the Screw Broomhill Opera

when recreated in the gleaming and pungent detail of the Eos Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Charles Hazlewood in Broomhill's stillingly close. clear acoustic.

In Wyoming-born Shawn Bartels, Broomhill has a movingly young Peter Quint, a strange, incorporeal sexuality writhing in his lithe tenor. His compatriot, Beverley O'Regan Thiele, makes a smouldering Miss Jessel. In this web of illusion and delusion, victims and victors, the diagonals of their encounters with the children and with

present guardians are pulled tight in Ward's staging. Yet again, one is struck by the ambiguity of the Governess's final cry over Miles's dead body: "Together we have de-

stroyed him ..."
Lynne Davies can at times be vocally as well as nervously strained as the Governess, but her performance is a compelling one, and is powerfully matched by Carol Rowlands. often singing in numb halfvoice as Mrs Grose. Twelveyear-old Thomas Appleton, from St Paul's Cathedral Choir School, gives an unusually perceptive and expressive performance as Miles, with a scarcely less disturbing and disturbed Flora in Roseline Tessier-Lemoyne.

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale admires a hilarious Ayckbourn revival in Scarborough

Red herrings make a clever dish

ot on the heels of By Jeeves, whose first in-carnation flopped in 1975, comes a new version of It Could Be Any One of Us, which failed less conspicuously in 1983. Alan Ayckbourn is very much in the rejigging vein nowadays, which is good news for the rest of us. His parody of country-house thrillers (now at the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough) is unlikely to win as many friends as his musical collaboration with Andrew Lloyd Webber. perhaps because the only tune worth whistling is a weird nursery dirge about expiring sausages. But it is equally unassuming, equally playful and, I think, almost equally diverting.

B-movie chords set the atmosphere. So does Sturm und Drang in the English sky. So do characters who combine eccentricity with a decaying grange habitat. Mortimer. Brinton and Jocelyn Chalke are not only brothers and sister, but - thanks to a pushy Bohemian mother - respectively a failed composer, a failed painter and a failed writer. Jocelyn also has a daughter called Amy who is a failure at everything except overeating, and a lover called Norris, a failed private detective with aspirations to be a

Wimsey or Morse. Norris's chance comes when Malcolm Rennie's barry and baleful Mortimer, his brains still turned by having been the Timothy White's Young Com-



Juliet Mills and Janet Dibley in Ayckbourn's "thriller", It Could Be Any One of Us

poser of the Year in 1966, tells his younger siblings he is leaving the Chalke riches to a long-departed piano pupil.

You're a mulignant growth," he roars at them. I'm going to cauterise you." Those are not wise words to utter in a country-house thriller, even a comic one. I don't think I am giving too much

ends up on the carpet, his brains now turned off by a sharp blow with the statuette that was awarded all those years ago.

Plenty of smister happenings have preceded this climax. Indeed, it had looked as if someone was trying to murder Mortimer's proposed beneficiary, a trim housewife and pet-shop owner called killer, red herring or what?

Wendy. She is the sort of cheerful, unimaginative suburbanite who says: "Well, things always come in threes." after the car brakes have failed at 70mph, an enormous wardrobe has almost squashed her. and bleach has been found in her wine glass. Janet Dibley has a hilarious time playing her. But is she the victim.

land's thin, driven Norris comes into his own. "I wonder if you'd mind assembling in this room in five minutes. I've got one or two bombshells to drop," he announces, Poirot-

But of course his bombshells turn out to contain more blah than bang. So who killed Mortimer? Even if the unwritten rules allowed me to tell you, I couldn't do so, for the title means what it says. The Ayckbourn who loves tricks, games and odd, unpredictable permutations is in control, as he was of Sisterly Feelings and Intimate Exchanges, and a solution to It Could Be Any One of Us apparently varies from evening to evening.

n the first night it was not a lot less satisfying than the denouement of most of the Christie novels I have read or seen. And that was due as much to Ayckbourn the director as Ayckbourn the playwright. He gets nice performances from everyone, including Juliet Mills as a melancholy, wellmeaning Jocelyn and Richard Derrington as the over-age mother's boy and Lewis Carroll-like paedophile, Brinton.

But maybe the pick of the bunch is Tabitha Wady as Amy, a sullen, fretful yet vulnerable blob with punk braids that leap erratically from her head, like black worms escaping a hillock. This is an actress sure to recur. | say it all, of course, especially

Peter Ackroyd on an English visionary whose worldly failure contrasted with the imaginative triumph of his novels

This second volume of biography opens with the relationship which dominated the rest of Lawrence's life — Frieda von Richthofen, née Weekley, decamped with the young novelist to Germany where they promptly began to behave as if they were part of some grand passion play. At one moment he would be beating her or ordering her to wash the floor but at the next, as Professor Kinkead-Weekes reports in this exhaustive biography, they would be found "singing German folk-songs at the tops of their voices". They had one other thing in common, also; they both took their feelings very seriously indeed, and were capable of acting out great dramas of intimacy and rejection. Lawrence's rages and frustrations, also

chronicled with unerring precision in this book, may in fact have sprung from his own knowledge of his dependency. He was in every sense a married man, who could not have survived without Frieda's protective care. The world was, after all, against him. He was ambitious of literary success only to see one novel prosecuted and another rejected. He was almost always impoverished, living off the charity of friends or the support of his Nottinghamshire family; he was often depressed, and suffered from a variety of illnesses which seem to have been of nervous origin,

He had no real audience, and truly believed himself to be an "alien" in his own country. He was a short and slight man who to one contemporary seemed "very working class". He looked thin and ragged, his wrists and ankles emerging from the

edges of his much-washed clothing. But if this biography is a record of worldly failure it is also an account of imaginative triumph — in this period of ten years he wrote The Rainbow, Women in

Lawrence in love

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Love, The Lost Girl and Aaron's Rod, as well as some of his most celebrated stories and poems. Of course there seemed to be no triumph at the time, and the disparity between his external circumstances and his creative powers led to strains which shook Lawrence almost to the point of disintegration - in the process thoroughly unnerving those who remained close to him.

He was always alarmingly, although sometimes comically, self-obsessed. This emerged as caustic and sometimes murderous misanthropy: "I do want to kill." he wrote to Ottoline Morrell. "But I want to select whom I shall kill." Perhaps that is why his fury and frustration were directed at particular targets. The story of his relationships here - with Ottoline Morrell. E. M. Forster, Bertrand Russell, Katherine Mansfield and others — is generally dispiriting. They were all so guarded and so sensitive that they breathed anger or apprehension each time they met, while he chaved like a raging bull among the Bloomsbury china. His letters to friends are filled with a doom-laden but convincing psychological rhetoric which at the time must have sounded terrifying.



The Lawrences with John Middleton Murray (left) at their wedding, 1914

He had a great store of moral selfrighteousness, in other words, which he could launch in the direction of other people without the slightest compunction. That is why he and Frieda often outstayed their welcome in various parts of England and Europe, and were forever moving on. The chronology of these ten years often resem-bles a railway timetable, but it would also

be true to say that Lawrence possessed an interior and often fevered restlessness. He was so aware of the worldly failure he endured that he was constantly anxious to change the scene, but he was also possessed of an imaginative energy which needed new sensations properly to flourish. So they moved from Germany to Austria and Italy. then back to England where they variously travelled to Edenbridge, London, Kent Buckinghamshire, Sussex, Cornwall and Derbyshire with visits to Switzerland and

Italy between.

All of their other journeys will be chronicled in this most detailed and meticulous of all Lawrence biographies; it is planned to encompass three volumes. each with a different author. Such an elaborate study might not be to everyone's taste, but the expanse of this particular volume of some nine hundred closely printed pages at least testifies to the almost Lawrentian care and richness with which Kinkead-Weekes has explored the novelist's

There were a great many of these — with the advantage, however, that Lawrence's intuition and psychological flair created a unique vocabulary of feeling or passion. Not a letter or memoir has been left unturned, and there are times when the pace of the book is gradual enough to give the reader the impression that he is living in the same room as its subjects. This is, of course, not always or necessarily a comfort-

But this biography does provide insights other than those centring upon Lawrence's passionate self-aggrandisement. In the careful description of the novelist's literary revisions and recensions, for example, it is interesting to note Lawrence's technical maladroimess. He possessed very linle sense of structure and would plunder one narrative in order to manufacture two novels. He made many false starts and would cheerfully abandon material (sometimes never returning to it) while all the time he rewrote endlessly and quickly. This is of course all part of the man's genius, an extraordinary unformed creativeness which never attained definite shape.

here may, however, be certain disadvantages in lacking a purely formal intelligence. It meant, for example, that his own philosophi-cal and psychological speculations (how-ever just) tended to fly off in all directions at once. He was, in one sense, a visionary looking for a framework of belief to support his visions - in that sense he joins a long tradition of English writing which has been neglected by those who seek only social or intellectual comfort in their fictions.

Lawrence was never a comfortable writer. He was a "passionately religious man" who despised and rejected what he called the "unreligious" sensibility of his contemporaries. He wished to create, in the words of Kinkead-Weekes, "an art which can render impersonal forces . . . below the level of consciousness". That was another reason why he chose to travel; he wished to leave a secular England and find those "hidden forces" wherever they might exist. This interesting and perceptive volume ends with Lawrence en route to Ceylon. He has only eight more years to live.

Back on the rails



BIBLIOMANE

ome ghastly designer is nurning our post offices green. There doesn't seem even to be the excuse of functional improvement, as was alleged when our red telephone boxes were stolen. Once upon a time, though, corporate design was not ephemeral, but purposeful. Designed for London by Oliver Green and Jeremy Rewse-Davies (Laurence King, £19.95, ISBN 85069 (164 4) tells how London Transport, an alliance of operations brought together in 1933, turned itself into a coherent network by attention

to detail. Starting with the vision of chief executive Frank Pick, the company commissioned work from artists including Epstein, Bawden, Rex Whistler, Henry Moore, David Gentleman and Man Ray — who have nothing in common except quality. Everything down to the patterns for seat covers was carefully considered. Two vital elements of LT design were essentially practical: Edward Johnston's newly legible display lettering. and Harry Beck's newly comprehensible Underground map. Each is now the subject of its own book.

The block-letter commissioned for the Underground in 1916 and seen on station names ever since is celebrated in Colin Banks's London's Handwriting (LT Museum, 150 copies). It is a striking folio, with examples of the sans-serif alphabet printed from the original wood and metal by the Libanus Press. There are also illustrations for comparison of the family of digitsed "New Johnston" faces more tasteful than one might expect from designers who

insist on shunting themselves together as Banks&Miles.

The history of Mr Beck's Underground Map may not sound enthralling, but it is. It is a tale of inspiration, intrigue and perseverance. The geographical Tube maps issued before 1932 were awkward umbles, and Beck's ele distortion was a breakthrough. At first glance, the map (or, more properly, diagram) looks immutable, but copious illustrations trace apparently endless modifications made in the struggle to reconcile aesthetics and practicality.

Beck was paid a pittance, and surrendered the copyright on the understanding that he would be allowed to design iuture versions. In 1960, ĽT : dishonoured this agreement by bringing in a new draughtsman, which caused Beck enormous distress. Sadly, his best diagram, incorporating the new Victoria Line in 901. was never printed.

The world-famous diagram can clearly become an obsession. Beck worked on it for 30 years. and Ken Garland, the impassioned author of this splendid. unlikely book (Capital Transport, £10.99, ISBN 1 85414 168 6) wrote about it first 27 years In 1927 Proper Description Chains

ago.
This month a new series of Art on the Underground posters and cards has been launched with nine striking four-colour wood engravings by Edwina Ellis, close-ups of some of London's best recent buildings. They are also available in limited editions from Duncan Campbell Fine Art in Kensington (0171 937 8665). But I wish LT would blow them up really large, just to see how the register and resolution hold.

You wait and wait for books on a subject, and then several come along together. Perhaps that's why it's called an omni-

CLIVE WILMER JIM McCUE

adept at reading the unspoken and, in so doing, draws our attention to things the flashier modern critics forbid us to see. bus review.

Vision of the final days

t is doubtful whether the Millennium Commission recognises its debt to a 12th-century mystic, Joachim of Flore. It was he who popularised the idea of dividing history into ages corresponding to the members of the Trinity, and who saw his own era standing invitingly on the threshold of the Age of the Spirit. The hope of a reformed godly society gripped people's imaginations, and still does. The Age of Aquarius is a secular version of the same phenomenon.

Joachim himself was part of back to ancient ideas about historical epochs, and surfacing biblically in Daniel and other apocalyptic writings, notably and disastrously in the Book of Revelation. Contemporary expectations about the year 2000 catch some of these overtones from the past, even though the significance attached to the passage of centuries is comparatively modern. The Anno Domini system was not widely accepted until the

reign of Charlemagne, and Damian Thompson hints at an ecclesiastical conspiracy to of peace and prosperity, to be establish it over alternative enjoyed only by true believers. were fuelling apocalyptic speculations about the imminence

The first half of this enthralling book tells the story of these tempts by the mainline churches to control them. Endtime beliefs can be socially explosive. They resolve the problems of insecurity by demonising opponents, and identify conflict and suffering as the prelude to a divine intervention, which they believe will usher in a new age for such events have proved

particularly dangerous by whipping up excitement and expectancy. The scenarios envisaged by different groups of believers are bewilderingly varied, but the pattern remains constant and can be uncovered in all sorts of unlikely settings, in the English Civil War, for instance, and less obviously in

Nazism. The author even specuates about the present Pope's THE END OF kind of mille Faith and Fear in narianism. futhe Shadow of the elled by the steady increase in prophecies of

doom from ap-paritions of the Virgin Mary. Part Two focuses in a more

journalistic style on some of the contemporary manifestations of these forces. It recounts the worldwide growth of militant evangelicalism, the hotch-potch of ideas under the label New Age, and the religious fervour in South Korea, where the hundreds of neon crosses which light up the night sky are described as landing lights for the Second Coming of Christ.

Sectarian end-time thinking is said to have influenced the murderous Aum community in Japan, despite its ostensible Buddhism. The tragedy of the Branch Davidians in Waco is presented as a textbook case. An idealistic community of marginalised fundamentalists, dominated by an increasingly eccentric leader, is driven into a state of isolation by its beliefs about the con-

ITS 1968 and Australia, like

the Western world, is infected or inspired, depending on your perspective, by a youth revolution ranging from hard left to hedonism, fuelled by drugs and music and in

drugs and music, and in which all value judgments

and most rationality are sus-

pended. Or that's the sub-culture on which David Foster

has drawn to produce an original novel which throbs

with a peculiar Antipodean

energy.
The Baron D'Arcy D'Oliver-

es, a retired postman and long

time English emigre, narrates

a bizarre tale based, he claims, on a ballad he found during

the early 1990s at the bottom of

an old mailbag. A curious

bunch of young people, it tells.

flicts foretold for the end-time, and finds these beliefs confirmed and brought to their fiery conclusion by the behaviour of the federal authorities

Developments since Waco make it clear that we have not heard the last of such groups. and that they can become frighteningly violent when their identity is threatened. The United States is a fertile breeding ground for Godfearing, gun-toting outsiders. who see the Government as

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TIME

Millennium

By Damian

Thompson

Sinclair-Stevenson

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the enemy of freedom, who lack an identifiable demon since the collapse of communism, and who feed their paranoiz on the Internet's capacity for circulatunattributrumours. Such beliefs are also rife in South America.

South-East Asia.
The British Isles, so far, seem relatively immune. But wherever there are people who feel that their world is disintegrating, tight-knit religious groups are likely to flourish, their zeal increased by thoughts that the end is near. The approach of the year 2000 is likely to add to the pressures, and probably also to the disappointments, unless thoughts about the millennium can be rooted more firmly in thanksgiving than in celes

tial calculations. Damian Thompson has provided a valuable and compulsively readable guide to a little-known world. His book is a timely reminder of the need to understand religion and take it seriously - preferably from the perspective of a sane

Testing the text

fictions, all available in the World's Classics series. Each

essay explores some issue of

"THERE is nothing outside the text." So says Jacques Derrida, high priest of the Post-Modern and master of literary theory. "How many children had Lady Macbeth?" was a question mockingly posed in the 1930s by the Leavisite L. C. Knights. On this, if on nothing else, hu-manist and Post-Structuralist agree. A novel or play, they insist, is a verbal construct. To extend its events outside the tale it tells is just ridiculous. Against this consensus John Sutherland rebels, certain that the reader is on his side. His subject is the 19th-century novel. Is Heathcliff a Murder-er? (OUP, E3.99, ISBN 0 19

282516 X) consists of 34 brief essays on 36 well-known

the world these books refer to, some problem posed by the text but not resolved within it. Inevitably, this draws us into 19th-century history. The cultural commentator Edward Said recently caused a stir by announcing that Mansfield Park (in Jane Austen's novel) depends for its income on Caribbean slavery. Without disagreeing. Sutherland goes deeper into the context and comes up with a solution that is much to Jane Austen's credit, and adds to the story's

moral weight.
As the Victorian novel develops, Sutherland shows, novelists become more preoccupied



A guilty man? Laurence Olivier as Heathcliff and

THE GROVE By David Foster Fourth Estate, £16.99 ISBN 1857024524

inaccessible valley, the Erinungarah, in a forested area on the south coast of Australia. A cult evolved from a mixture of idealism, instability, disillusion and insanity. D'Arcy researches his mate-

rial in haphazard fashion and

pieces together what he

ballad. The result is a somewhat wacky but clever and comic rollercoaster ride through alternative life in 1968. From demos in Sydney on acid. All migrate, gradually then down to the Valley, from high-flown philosophical asides to penis rings, from mythological comparisons to discourses on how to get an engine started, and all with a

The large cast of characters is well juggled and they are curiously credible in their passions and concerns given the element of caricature.

promiscuous ex-Playboy centrefold and her long-suffering husband, a hillbilly family - at times it's like Neighbours and unpurposefully, to the Erinungarah Valley and there, according to our narrator (who is of course unreliable) the strangeness begins.

To tell the tale of a cult or commune, a cornedy or tragedy, has proved difficult in fiction. David Foster has come close in this novel. He has achieved it by mostly avoiding direct description of the curious events which are alleged

the events are referred to obliquely in a preamble and subsequently in a series of comments, or research notes, on the characters as they take their turn on the stage.

with credibility. Dickens. Trol-lope and Thackeray are im-

pressionistic when it comes to

chronology. By the 1860s, how-

ever, a writer like Wilkie Collins is charting everything

If Sutherland's book has an

obvious fault, it is that he is too

ready to find ingenious expla-

nations for what may well

have been simple careless-

ness. But this is a slight

complaint. Is Heathcliff a

Murderer? is a scholarly

book, but it is wholly free from

critical jargon and will answer

the questions ordinary readers

ask. It is also elegantly writ-

ten, it wears its learning

lightly and makes almost as

compelling a read as the novels which it explores so

The essays are rarely more

than six pages long, but the effect of disjointedness is

avoided by the fascinating recurrence of certain 19th-

century preoccupations, such

as psychic research and pseu-

do-science, or the impact of

new inventions, from the rail-way in Mrs Gaskell to the

camera and the typewriter in

Victorian readers, of course,

could interpret signs that are

lost on us. The narrator of

Stevenson's The Master of

Ballantrae puts it in a nut-

shell: "It is a strange art," he says." ... to talk for hours of a

thing, and never name nor yet so much as hint at it." Profes-

sor Sutherland is uncannily

scrupulously.

Bram Stoker.

by the calendar.

IT'S a successful construction. drawing the reader into the mystery but giving enough information to pace the narrative and allow enjoyment of the narrator's flights of erudition, which include some very funny loose translations from the classics as well as an intriguing build-up of mythological patterns to explain both our and the book's communards' existential dilemma.

At the heart of the novel is a lost Australian landscape rainforest, overtaken by the cucalyptus. There are lush and loving botanical set pieces, enlivened by a potent symbolism. The stage is set for re-enactment of the myth of Attis who metamorphosed into a tree after castrating

Throughout the book there are leasing references to a "Sacred Pump" and emasculation. There's a gruesome treatise on the various forms of castration which male readers will find particularly chilling Sex jealousy and a spiritual and ecological bankruptcy are the forces which move Foster's strange crew to their even stranger nemesis in tragifarcical style.

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THE GLADE WITHIN

purpose, a gloss on the

to have taken place. Instead.

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He smashed up her crockery

Derwent May revels in Holroyd's reappraisal of a life

ichael Holroyd is having another go with his book on Augustus John, which first came out in 1974-75. He has found some lively new material; he has also tidied up his prose, rather like a gardener picking off deadheads, and the book now appears in one volume, not two. But for me the most moving part of it is still his account of the youthful John's marriage to Ida Nettleship.

They were both students at the Slade, and were married in January 1901. They soon had children, But John, who when he arrived at the Slade from his solicitor father's home in Tenby was like a little grey chrysalis, immediately metamorphosed into a butterfly, flitting swiftly from one willing girl to another. Nothing changed with his marriage, and when eventually he fell rather more heavily for a sitent, enigmatic girl called Dorelia, he persuaded Ida to accept a menage a trois at their house in the Kent countryside.

AUGUSTUS JOHN
The New Biography
By Michael Holroyd
Chauto & Windus, Q5
ISBN 0 7011 ct 7 X
THEMES AND
VARIATIONS
The Drawings of Augustus
John, 1901-1931
Lund Humphries, E14.05
ISBN 0 85331 6937

Ida was determined to see things through, and also to make friends with Dorelia. But her letters from this time are an extraordinary record of her inner struggles. She criticises herself for her jealousy, she laughs at her foolishness, she declares her undiminished love for her Gus, but her pain clamours through it all. It was not to last all that long: she died in 1907 giving birth to their fourth son. Early on in their relationship, John had written a timerick about her and him which ended "He smashed up her crockery, poor Ida!" He certainly had.

After that John lived with Dorelia effectively as his wife, with more and more children coming into the family both from her and other women. She accepted the situation in the same cool, mysterious style she had always displayed. He pretended to marry her, in order to get his children back from Ida's disapproving mother, but only proposed to her 40 years later when he was offered a knighthood — and then he was turned down. So he rejected the knighthood — and was given an OM instead.

Most of the new material is about women and friends in John's life, already the richest part of the book and now even more stuffed with extraordinary tales. There is more about the belly-dancing model

t is becoming increasingly

hard to take one's own

consciousness for granted.

Theories, models and ideas about the nature of this most

elusive of phenomena are

buzzing around like moths.

may well deter dilettantes: but

the lay consciousness enthusi-

ast will find the summary and

insights into the respective

problems clearly set out, and

When he switches to his own

does not result in concomitant

changes in the "feel" of the first

person experience. But such a

scenario is impossible: the

brain just does not work as a

Undeterred, Chalmers is in-

spired by the somewhat tau-

tologous logic that if the brain

did work in such a piecemeal

way, then the robotic take-over

would go unnoticed: he is thus

free to speculate on an alterna-

series of isolated modules.

indeed very helpful.

· But are they getting any closer



A serene beauty that masks an inner turmoil: John's drawing of Ida in a large hat, ca. 1902; she died in 1907

Euphemia Lamb, the wife for a short while of Gus's friend the painter Henry Lamb — Lamb was also Dorelia's lover for many years. "How interesting impure women are to the poor." Virginia Woolf once said of Euphemia.

And what of Augustus John himself? In a way, it is he who lets the book down. Holroyd again and again conjures up impressions of how intoxicatingly glamorous he seemed to other people, both men and women. Yet now his interminable succession of brief amours makes for an undramatic and even gloomy read, getting worse and worse as he gets older, and culminating in his ghastly, goatish pounces on Caitlin Macnamara, later to become Dylan Thomas's wife. Yet even at that time Caitlin's sister Brigit

was happily going to bed with him. As a young artist his brilliant drawings all seemed to depend on the same kind of lightning attacks on the subject as he made on his models and other girls. Many of these drawings can be seen in the delightful book Themes and Variations, which accompanies an exhibition, on till September I. at the Cardiff National Museum. (Later in September it will be at Spink's in London, and in November at Conwy.) It is a scandal that John's reputation has sunk so low, though Holroyd gives a very good account of how, after 1910, he distanced himself from the spokesmen for the modern movement. He has paid for that ever since.

His earlier portrait paintings were also very dramatic works, though

Bernard Shaw pointed to a certain dashing shallowness in many of them when he said of John's picture of him: "There's the portrait of my great reputation". It has to be admitted that even that degree of dash is harder to find in John's last portraits.

One other person who is more fully

One other person who is more fully treated in this new version is Gwen John, Gus's sister. Her life — living for years alone in Paris, content with an occasional hour in bed with Rodin when he paid her a visit — was a staggering contrast to her brother's, as was her art — those haunting pictures of solitary women. "Fifty years after my death I shall be remembered as Gwen John's brother," Augustus once declared melodramatically. He died in 1961; probably, however unfairly, he will be proved right.

It's thought, Jim, but not as we know it

to the light?

David Chaimers offers an indepth critique of the story so far. His rather rarefied style alternative homes.

alternative homes.

Hence the second assertion, that consciousness comes as an "irreducible" basic feature of the cosmos as does mass and space-time. Inevitably therefore, it can be realised in all manner of systems, even, perhaps, thermostats.

possible solutions however, Chalmers is less likely to Yet because consciousness, unlike mass, is quintessentialattract a following. His theory, ly subjective. Chalmers needs by his own admission tentato search for a kind of Rosetta tive, arises from two basic assumptions. The first is that Stone as an intermediary beconsciousness does not have a tween the physical and mental. He lights upon "informaprecise, one-to-one relationtion" as a potential candidate ship with the brain. This suggestion is fuelled by a "thought experiment" where - a deeply abstracted frame of reference that, as it stands, is 100 vague to offer any progressive substitution of elucidation. brain cells with silicon chips

In contrast to the ex-mathematician's Plato-like stance. Dennert sticks firmly to the physical brain and frames the question of mind and consciousness within an exclusively biological context. There is nothing mental about the mind: rather it is a physicochemical bit player in the orchestration of the physical body. But the part it plays

Susan Greenfield

THE CONSCIOUS MIND By David J. Chalmers OUP, E18.09 ISBN 01 PS 10 553 2

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KINDS OF MINDS
By Daniel Dennett
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species to the next. "It la polar bear] may not be able to talk, but surely it thinks!" Dennett's declared aim is to "shake confidence" in this seemingly plausible assertion.

The central message is that non-human animals do not have minds such as ours and hence it is a non-question to ask what an animal might think about, or what it might be like to be a bat, polar bear, or dog. A great strength in Dennen's book is his clear-sighted analysis of the cognitive abilities of different classes of animals. As brains become more sophisticated, he demonstrates the growing degree of liberation from genetic injunction, and pre-pro-

grammed instincts, to indulge in ever greater unpredictability, an ever larger repertoire of responses accumulated as the fruits of individual experience. The highly readable narra-

tive shows how, aided enormously by language, our abilities have evolved to include those of generalisation, and thus of dealing with novel situations, to think in the abstract and consequently to eschew the present in favour of fantasy and reflection. Such elaborate self indulgence is not possible, say, for a pigeon: but does that mean such an animal is really an automaton?

From time to time Dennett touches on consciousness itself without really explaining how he sees it in relation to the "minds" he has so well classified. Rather he uses the term "sentience", where no mind-like reasoning or responses are required, to describe the "lowest form" of consciousness, a consciousness that would nonetheless serve to distinguish a pigeon from the antics of a beer-can robot. The acid test for sentience is the ability to feel pain. Dennett's solution to whether non-hu-

man animals are sentient/feel pain, is to suggest a "ramp": different animals are sentient, but to different degrees. This realistic and interesting idea, unfortunately, remains underdeveloped.

Moreover, consciousness. mere passive "sentience", and abstracted reflection do not always come as a single, invariant package. In accidents, at raves, or downhill skiing, a human being is certainly conscious, yet transfixed in a present stripped of all symbolism or cognitive content. Might this be how it is for some non-human animals all the time? Perhaps it is a sign of the strength of this book that the reader is goaded into asking these questions.

noth Chalmers and Dennett admit they themselves are asking questions rather than offering answers. For my money, anal ysis of behaviour and animal thinking will help us feel more familiar with the problem of consciousness than metaphysical speculation prompted by a neuroscientifically-dubious thought experiment. On the other hand, there is no reason to be so sure that conventional, objective analysis of the brain's detectable functions will eventually shake down obligingly into an explanation of the subjective. For the rest of us moths, the light is still a

Jonathan Clark on conspiracy, faction and faith

Treason does its worst

ince Vatican II, the Roman Catholic laity in England have come out of the shadows. Formerly condemned to a public stance of reticence and frustrated loyalty, they now make distinguished and honourable contributions in all walks of life. And yet they have an image problem.

For there is no denying the fact that England's recusant Catholics were long suspected of being, in the last resort, willing to overthrow the State by armed force; suspected of harhouring a priestly fifth column of organised activists; suspected of having Papal sanction for any means to the desired end of England's reconversion: suspected of concealing their disloyalty behind the Jesuitical doctrine of equivocation. One event, annually commemorated, summed it all up: Gunpowder Plot.

Even in Europe's great age of political assassinations, this would have been a spectacular coup: at one stroke to wipe out the monarch, royal family, nobility, judiciary, episcopate and Commons. By comparison, the IRA looks like a bunch of clumsy provincials. So what do modern Catholics do with Guy Fawkes?

For the last century, they have argued the toss. Who was behind the plot: the Jesuits? The Catholic community? A tiny group of freelance extremists? Or was it a put-up job, arranged by the Government's agents-provocateurs to discredit their victims, just as the Reichstag fire in 1933 allowed the Nazis to suppress the Communists? Pertinacious Jesuits, kindly Benedictines and anxious Catholic laity fill Lady Antonia's bibliography, all agonising over the same problem.

Plausibly, in this eloquent and moving book, she opts for the "freelance extremists" interpretation. She urges that the Catholics wished to be loyal subjects of James I at the outset of his reign, and expected to be rewarded with toleration. They were "cruelly disappointed" when this peace process failed to deliver the outcome they expected.

runs, had been denied civil rights under Elizbeth 1, like an ethnic minority that the regime did its best to cleanse. Denied equality, some Catholic men found an outlet in the armed struggle. Even then, only the Jesuits were committed to convert England or die in the attempt: other Catholic priests, known as Appellants, preferred compromise. Surely. asks Lady Antonia, the backlash against Catholics was overdone? The Gunpowder Plot was, after all, as John Grant said at his trial, "a conspiracy intended but never

effected". Fawkes emerges here as "a kind of soldier-monk", an idealistic, clean-living crusader. Catesby was "noted for his religious dedication". "In their own estimation, these men were not assassins; they were fighters in a holy cause." They were, at least, disturbed that Catholic peers would die in the explosion along with Protes-tants, although their doubts were resolved for them by Catholic doctrine: the "doubleeffect" principle, expounded by Father Garnet to Catesby in July 1605 and later (to Garnet's

July 1605 and later (to Garnet's horror) acted on.
Lady Antonia does not mince words. The plot was real. "It was a violent conspiracy involving Catholic fanatics." Yet at the same time, circumstantial evidence suggests that Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury and the King's first minister, had advance warning and carefully allowed the plot to develop. Thanks to government manipulation, the enterprise of a handful of hotheads, as Lady Antonia

THE GUNPOWDER
PLOT
Terror and Faith in
1605

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describes it, was represented as a massive Jesuit conspiracy. Yet this account presents other evidence, too. However desirous the English Catholic laity for peace, international Catholicism stuck to its principles. From Rome, the leading English Jesuit, Father Robert Persons, had published a tract in 1595 which called into question James's right to the English crown. Continental claimants could always be found with ancient titles. James VI of Scotland only secured a quiet succession as James I of England by leading Rome to believe that he was himself on the verge of converalready taken that step).

If the Catholic cause was bitterly divided between the adherents of the bullet and the ballot box. Appellant priests, too, were capable of engaging in conspiracy. In 1605 Father Henry Garnet, SJ, knew of the atrocity about to be perpetrated at Westminster: claiming the secrecy of the confessional, he did not reveal it to the Government.

Government.

Fawkes's conspiracy was only one of many, for Catholics had non-negotiable de-

mands. James I could only keep them on board by fudging the issue. When they realised this, a minority of Catholics reacted with a violent backlash. The majority of the Catholic community were appalled, but protected the minority; and the majority paid a heavy price for so doing.

doing.

Is terrorism justified in a good cause? Would the plotters now be hailed as freedom fighters, had they been successful? Were Catholic recusants the real victims in a totalitarian regime? "Brave, misguided men" is as far as Lady Antonia will go in judging the conspirators.

he Catholic laity have recently done a good job in turning Thomas as a Becket, Thomas More and John Henry Newman into folk heroes, depicting them as martyrs for conscience, free speech and liberal pluralism (the historical reality was somewhat different). It might be harder to rehabilitate terrorists. But it is a tribute to this candid, openhanded book that their moral dilentmas are convincingly reconstructed for all to see.

So what are modern Catholics to make of it all? Antonia Fraser's dedication reveals their lasting disagreement: "For Edward who would have defended them: Lucy who would have hidden them; Paloma who would have succoured them in extle." How much has really changed?



Terrorist or soldier-monk? Guy Fawkes entering Parliament

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orchestration of the physical orchestration of the physical body. But the part it plays varies enormously from one demonstrates the growing degree of liberation from genetic injunction and pre-pro A different kind of country girl

OBSERVING the 14-year-old heroine of Edna O'Brien's Down by the River (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £15.99, ISBN 0 297 81806 b), a barrister decides "there is really no such thing as youth, there is only luck". In retrospect, the country girls of O'Brien's early novels were very lucky indeed. In Down By The River adult society is a trap, and the sensual language which describes their landscape a web which binds characters and reader into a logic of

madness and greed.

Mary is the only child of a small farmer and part-time horse breeder. The fertile countryside in which he sexually abuses her is a much more modern Ireland than this author has previously described, a mist of verdant beauty concealing abandoned

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cars and discarded rubbish. When Mary becomes pregnant, her community is more knowing than it will admit neighbours, teachers. Gardai and friends close their eyes to the obvious culprit, pushing her back upon old uncertainties of family and home.

Mary's flight to England for an abortion is stopped by a court injunction, and the child becomes a political football in a legal game of order and rights. Her further abuse by public debate is reminiscent of the "X Case", the legal battle which tore Irish society apart in the late 1980s and may have finally forced it to grow up.

Material like this is harrow-

ing, and Edna O'Brien does

Playful Joycean language contrasts with the loneliness and polite behaviour which help to ignore unpleasant truths. The story is told in quick, concentrated moments, beginning with a kaleidoscope of rape, school, home and the coupling of a mare and stallion; all congeal inside the girly confused head as the knowledge

nothing to soften the pain.

About her, knowing adults and media may hint at any horror with nods and winks, a secret language which contrasts with their easy banter. When the father half admits his crime, a friend quips "Let down by the fool of a Mickey— and they call women the

of conception grows.

weaker sex!" Such dialogue lifts this story out of the cliches about Irish hypocrisy. A dehate between a group of militant right-to-life members and an eccentric liberal hops wonderfully between logic, heresy and sheer lunacy. A zealot describing the horror of abortion to a group of housewives is horribly funny.

O'Brien's ear is tuned for

such characters. But her exchanges between Dublin barristers sound slightly tinny, and their arguments over dinner in the King's Inns or with family members reduce each to a mere representative of moral beliefs and human contradictions.

ontradictions. Perhaps O'Brien is asking

them to explain more than they need to. The country she has returned to examine still seethes with anomalies, old and new. But the dangerous ignorance which surrounded her first green-eyed Irish girls has quite disappeared. Newspapers and magazines informing Mary about incest and abortion, as well as the television and radio stations which endlessly discuss such subjects have dragged Ireland into the real world.

In the end, the more interesting contradictions come from the author herself. Instead of celebrating the victory of free thought, she continues to find bogeys behind every haystack. That naked fear

denies the healing optimism of youth and presents life as a survival course. This is at odds with her constant homages, via Ulysses and Dubliners, to the great liberator, James Joyce. The impression left is rather of Dylan Thomas gloom; a guilt at spying and overhearing acts too sad, furtive and brutal for a style of lush affirmation.

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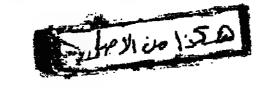
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ALSD RAN 7 in Good Nick, 9 Feel A Line 10 Docklands Carriage 12 A Avis Consonant 14 Head Girl (4th) Hit Cor Miss, 16 Lunar Musse (5th), Milt End Girl Supercharmer (6th), 20 Impenial Cor Metric, Mellerood 25 Juicy Ting Silver Button, 33 Ocean Breeze Schisandra The Dublous Goose Veerapoing 20 ran NR Swyntord Charmer 17-1, 91, 21 4 1 5 hd. M Charmon al Upper Lambourn Toto 66.80, C2-60, C2 90 C2 80 DF- 611 00 Ting 626.50, CSF 526.71 Bought in 20.500gns

35 ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE (Group I fillies: £78,815 | Im 3f 195yd) KEY CHANGE 6 ! Darshaan - Kashka (Lady Clague) 3-8-8 J Murtagh (7-1) 1. Papering b t Shaadi - Wrapping (Sheikh Mohammed) 3-8-6 h Darley (8-1) 2. Mezzogiorno bil Uniuwam - Aigue (Mr. R Philipps) 3-8-8 M Hills (16-1) Principos) 3-8-8 M Háls (16-1)
ALSO RAN 2-1 fav Shamadara (4th) 9-2
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ALSO RAN 15-2 Snow Princess, 10
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Learned Friend, Naked Welcome,
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Dreams End 21 ran, NR Shadow
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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Notember of Total 28:90 (21:90 (27:40) 21:90 (23:10) DF (234:00) This (284:80) CSF (274:60) Thisast (2482:16) 3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIM-(Group II 2/7-0 colf., and griding, 0.6,451 di)

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ALSO RAN 11-2 Clan Best (5th), 10 Billy Bushwacker, 17 Gland Selection (6th), 14 Al Shala Hon Express Moving Arrow, The Dilettam 16 Queda Star Of Detail, 20 Hazard 4 Guese, 1 sewil (35 Virolation 16 fan 15 91 of ni 15 B Hanbury at Newmarks) Tote E07 70 E5 20 C 110, 25 50 C3 00 DF C39 80 The 1686 80 CSF E57 61 Tracert ESC9 77

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JANIB of a Diese - Shigkish (H Al-Maksoum) 8-11 A Hills (9-2) 1. Tipsy Creek bid Duvius - Copper Creek (H. A. Maktourn) 2-5 W Carcon (6-4 (uv.) 2. Rudi's Pet chic Don't Forgot Me - Pink Forestric (The Broadgale Partice) hip 8 11 L Detroi (11-1) ALSO RAN 17-2 big Ben Hith Frodisk The Flador (5th) 5 ran 17-3, 27-4 big 17-4 H Thomkon Jones at Newmarket Tote 26-90 (239) 0140 big 05-90 CSF 01126

5.15 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (3-1-0 £12,037 5f) BLUE IRIS to I Pelong - Bo Babbity (M. Jarvis) 9-7 P Robinson (11-1) 1. Clan Chief big Cisnimin - Mrs Mayrick (P Lower 7-12 M Henry (11-2 p-lay) 2. Dashing Blue chic Doshing Blade -

Blubble (Mrs Alber) 9-6 L Deltan (11-1) 3 Rushculter Boy V to a Mori Times - Licy Bren (Traceum Seckers Partnership) 5-5 G Faulkner (16-1)

ALSO RAN 11.2 g fav Zntotti, 9 Gains-Midnight Escape 10 Prido Of Broton (Shi) 12 Fond Eminiaco, 14 Discrey Story Stryry, 18 Numical Luna Met Spirate, 20 Spirate, 25 Mindraco U-No-Hary 32 Chonicori, Nanuequal Bitas 50 Sayritod Droam (Shi) 20 cm 11.4, hd. 11.5 hd. Midana, at Newmarket, Tote 211.00 52.00 E 1 60 52.50 C3 80 DF 545.80 Trial E130.70 CSF 573.23 Tubed 5675.65 Jackpot not won (pool of £48,919 77 carned forward to York today)

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Reveloy of Sallborn Toto £13 70, £4 80, £1 80 DF £31 40 CSF £39 (2 Piacopot. £2,829.10. Quadpot: £400.80 (part won; pool of £54.17 carried lorward to York today)

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2.55 (2m ff. 110yd hede) 1. Mass Fony 13 Frod 33-1) 2. Freel Cader (2-11.3 Amupa 64-4 tent 6 nar NF Scottich Part 0. 3-4, 75 Frost 16 to 246-00, 57-40 0.140 DF 039.20 CSF 209.24 3.30 (Jm 3 ch) 1 Henley Regatta (S Burrough, 9-4) P Routout Tole \$3.00 Weiner Institut alone 2 run. 4 05 (Oni 3) hider 1, Shahrani /D Bridgeralis, 1-2 fae; 2, Born To Plause (7-4) 3 On My Toes; (12 1) 3 ran 154 deu M Pipo Tote 61 to DF 61 to CSF 61 75

4.35 (2m. 3f ch) | Dubelle (J. Cutoty 16-1) 2, Bishops Cartle (12-1); 3 Distant Memory (Evens Let) 8 (2n. 5f 23, J. Kang Toto (1250), 12 (2n. 6f 28, 15) 00 DF 120 (125); 2 (67 28 5.05 (3m 61 hdle) 1, Alaymann (D Bridgastin 4-7 kay), 2, Embley Buov (3-4) 3 Wesawe, (7-1) 3 nan 16 dal M Pipe Tota C1 20 DF £1 50 CSF £2 05

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Kempton Park Going: good good to firm in places South Office of the Control of the C 2, 5.55 (7) 1, Entrepreneur (1 Find, 1-2 km; 2, Fatisk (10-1), 3, Heart Of Armor (14-1), 15 nm 61, 47 M Stoute Title £1.50 £1.10, £1.90 £1.30 DF 14.60 Two £45.60 CSF 17.53

Hereford

Going Iron 5,40 (2m id 110yd hdio) 1, China Mail (T.) Musphy, 3-11 2, Signary Mar. (20-1), 3 Lord Temanico (1-21a); 5 (an MR, Ling Or Babyton 51 101 K. Bailey Toto (23-50 £1-40, £2-80 DF £12-30 CSF £34-22 6:10 (2m s) or 612:30 CSF (34.32) 6:10 (2m s) ch 1, Maggets Green IR Johnson, 9-4), 2, Drumble (7-4), 3 Minamour (6-4 law) 3 ran 51, 301 J Budley Tole (2:80 DF 61:90 CSF (5:47) YARMOUTH

THUNDERER 2.20 Times Of Times, 2.50 Rejoicing, 3.25 Safey Anna, 4.00 Baileys First, 4.30 Polar Champ, 5.00 Queen Bee.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 REJOICING (nap).

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> Stakes, after which she was retained for a surprisingly cheap 4,000 guineas. Stormless was tiring in the closing stages of the Auchencruive Handicap but in the end had enough in reserve to repel Ordained by two lengths.

> Stormless at Ayr yesterday. Both were well handled by John Brambill, a 7lb claimer, also

recording his second double. Trumped buited

home by 13 lengths in the Failford Selling

TODAY'S **FIXTURES**

CRICKET Third Cornhill Test match 11 C limit day of two, 90 overs nummum THE OVAL: England v Palosian

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PONTINS LEAGUE: Premier division. Bu-minghum v Leverpool (* 15). Everton v Ba-ton (* 0) Dorby v Leeds (* 0). First division: action vitals in Viters Burnacen (at Vitaleali FC, 7 0). Coverny v Huddersfield (* 0). 7.0), Covertify i Huddersheld (7.0) FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section F: SI James's Gair, v UCD Section A: Cort v Coth Rumbins (6.30) Section C: Althory Limentik, Section D: Urogheda v Dundalf (7.45)

RUGBY LEAGUE HAUFAX STUDENT WORLD CUP: Group A Australia - South Africa (at Korghey 7:30) Water - Foundation Bradford 7:301

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES, Havings v Saracons 17 0) Manchester v Munister (6.0) OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Sky Sports, grand pnx (at Rochester) GOLF, Builsh women's granteur strokeplay champoniship (at Consts) SPEEDWAY: Premier Laegue: London v Coventry (7:30) Middlechaugh i Fooling (7:30); Sheffield v Braddord (7:30) Individ-ual: Star of Angiro (at Ippsych 7:30)

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Leeds, V816
LSU Southampton, V800
Manchester, V820, V840, V816
Ripon and York, V8L3, V8M9, V8V1
Rochampton Inst. V800, VY93
Sheffield, V820
Staffordshire, V857
St Andrews, V808
St Mark and St John Col. V8W1, V803, V8L3, V8V7
St Mary's Uni Col. V801, V800, VCB1, VQ88, QV58, GV18
Westminster Col Oxford, V840
Wolverhampton, V800, V401

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W2Y3, W2N1, W2C1

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RACING: DETTORI BANNED ON DAY OF CONTRASTING RIDES

Lynch displays masterly touch on Clerkenwell

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

AN IRISH victory in the Yorkshire Oaks and a thumping gamble landed in the Tote Ebor at York yesterday were overshadowed by the tale of three jockeys — the good, the bad and the plain ugly.

Let us deal with the worst first. Gerald Mosse, a Frenchman who has won almost every top race in his native land, including the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, contrived to produce one of the worst riding performances by a leading jockey on the Knavesmire in recent years.

At times it appeared as though the Aga Khan-owned Shamadara, 2-1 favourite for the Yorkshire Oaks, was going backwards rather than in the desired direction as Mosse found himself checked, bumped and repeatedly forced to the wide outside of the ninestrong field. Having encountered every bit of trouble going. Mosse made matters worse by steering his filly down the middle of the home

straight as the race developed near the favoured far rail. While pilot error contribut-

ed to Shamadara never sighting the leaders, Johnny Murtagh made full use of Key Change's proven stamina and. after leading into the straight, successfully kicked for home. The victory was a well-de-served first at York for John Oxx. who saddled Green Lu-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ANNABA (4.45 York) Next best: Wasp Ranger (2.05 York)

cia, second to Sun Princess in the 1983 running of the race, and Petite Ile, third to Roseate Tern in 1989.

As Oxx spoke of autumnal plans - the Irish St Leger or Prix Vermeille - the York stewards were taking a close look at an incident two furlongs from home when Frankie Dettori, riding Russian Snows, barged Whitewater Affair out of the way to make his run.

Dettori found himself cast as the "bad boy" of the weighing room and received a four-day ban for irresponsible riding, his second such offence of the season. He was planning to view a video of the race last night before deciding whether to appeal.

One trainer who had no interest in the Yorkshire Oaks likened the performance of Mosse to that of an apprentice, which brings us conveniently to the champagne perfor-mance of the day. Fergal Lynch, the latest graduate from the Reg Hollinshead riding academy, is an appren-tice with considerable talent, whose skills caught the eye of Michael Stoute at Epsom ear-

lier this season. Dettori soon bounced back The 19-year-old, who hails from news of his suspension by galvanising Abou Zouz to from Culmore, near Londonderry, has had about ten rides beat Compton Place in the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack for Stoute, but none so impor-Stakes and continue David tant as Clerkenwell. The Newmarket trainer laid out Loder's rich vein of form. Clerkenwell for the £100,000added Tote Ebor Handicap

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3.45 Tregaron 4.15 SHEER DANZIG (nep) 2.35 Moonshine Girl 4.45 Annaba 3.10 Hever Golf Rose

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 SEEBE. Our Newmarket Correspondent 3,45 Intidats, 4,45 Eva Luna.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM BACK STRAIGHT)

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.05 IROGRESTYLE CONVIVIAL MAIDEN STAKES

BETTING: 9-4 Indiscreed, 5-2 Museical, 5-1 Errectim, 6-1 Wesp Ranger, 8-1 Million, 10-1 Double Eight, 12-1 Out

1995: DESERT BOY 9-0 J Reig (100-30) P Chapple-Hyern & ran

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2.35 STAKES CASINOS LOWTHER STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O lillies; £46,051; 6f) (10 rumners)

BETTWEE: 5-2 Sentine, 11-4 Carmane Lake 9-2 Moonshine Sen. 5-1 West Warmed, 8-1 Anathuss, 10-1 Turnib Paarl, 12-1 others

1996: DANCE SEQUENCE 8-11 W R Swedom (5-4 lan) M Staula 9 no

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Classic Cliche, the winner of the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, will complete his Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe preparation in the September Stakes at Kempton next month. The September Stakes is not ideal as Classic Cliche will have a group one penalty, but we don't want to put him on an acroplane so close to the Arc," Simon Crisford. Godolphin's racing manager, said yesterday. "Halling is 100 per cent but there will no decision about his next target until mid-September."

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

won (F — Imp., good to Turn, hard. E — good. S — noft, good to soft, beary). Owner in brackets. Trainer: Age and weight. Rider plus any allowmens. The Tienes Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 MUNTHORPE STAKES (Group I: £72,465: 51) (8 nunners)

BETTING: 2-1 Mind Garren, 6-2 Prodel, 11-4 Hever Golf Rose, 12-1 Struggler, 14-1 Getch The Blues, 25-1 Everyappartemasca, 25-1 Cool Juzz, 50-1 Westmachine 1985: 90 FACTUAL 5-9-6 L Delton (9-2) 5 bin Servor 6 ran

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3.45 BRADFORD & BINGLEY HANDICAP (£25,309: 7f 202yd) (19 runners)

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7.15 COLONY CANDLE HANDICAP SKY

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CHASE (£2,327: 2m 11 110yd) (5)

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4.15 LADBROKE KNAVESMIRE HANDICAP

(£17,350: 1m 3f 195yd) (22 runners)

(15) 840060 KALA SURRISE 27 (F) (A Necelbarri C Smoth 3-6-6.
(2) 20400-5 MAJTAK 75 (S) (C Mappin) J Cars 5-6-6.
(12) 0-61443 TESSALOE 18 (D.F.S) (Nelsy Partnership) M Carrecho 4-6-4.
(3) 440325 R.CATINES LINE 8 (D.B.F.S.S) (S Lowe) E Action 6-6-2.
(30) 65135 VELLAGE FRANC 5 (D.F.) (N Abstract) P Hormon 3-6-1.
(4) 101-005 AYUNLI 8 (CD.F.S) (I Sushicad) S Williams 5-6-0.
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(5) 4-62 RUSK 64 (SR) (Mrs. J Connew) J Pearca 3-7-13.
(21) 5-221 MATTIMED 15 (F) (Mrs. M Kangh) A Javes 3-7-10.
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4.45 GALTRES STAKES

(Listed race: fillies: £15,140: 1m 3f 195yd) (11 runners) 3-13 ANNABA 19 (F) (Sheliri Mohammad) J Gosdan 3-6-8 BETTING: 11-4 Arcetos, 7-2 Balatalia, 5-1 Minoschia, 7-1 Eva Llina, Saturd Flow, 6-1 Pappy Caron, Bullvide, 10-1 effects

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5.15 CITY OF YORK STAKES (Listed race: £13,392: 61 214yd) (8 runners) 1 (3) 1100-LIS SERGEYEY 7 (D.F.G) (B Securit-Brown) R Harmon A-9-8 . R Hagher SS 2 (1) 41-3150 ALL-ROYAL 22 (D.G.S) (Greenbey Sables) H Cecil 3-9-0 W Ryan 97 3 (2) 614031 BRANKS10R ABBY 4 (D.D.F.G.S) (J. Deved Abell) M Johnston 7-9-0 J Wester 98 4 (4) 113-462 (PREST GAT 23 (D.D.F.G.S) (J. Deved Abell) M Johnston 7-9-0 J Wester 98 5 (8) 213540 HOW LONG 21 (D.F.G.) (Bloom:Lowy State) P Chapter-Hyan 4-9-9 K Dadley 91 (5) 430-625 MYSELF 43 (D.F.G.) (Bloom:Lowy State) P Chapter-Hyan 4-9-9 P Roberson 68 (7) 151-441 RUZMANA 21 (D.F.G.) (Bloom:Lowy State) P Chapter-Hyan 4-9-9 P Roberson 68 (7) 151-441 RUZMANA 21 (D.F.G.) (Bloom:Lowy Carlot M Javis 3-9-9 P Roberson 68 6 (7) 151-441 RUZMANA 21 (D.F.G.) (Bloom:Lowy Carlot M Javis 3-9-9 P Roberson 68 6 (7) 151-441 RUZMANA 21 (D.F.G.) (Bloom:Lowy Carlot M Javis 3-9-9 P Roberson 68 6 (7) 151-441 RUZMANA 21 (D.F.G.) (C.F.G.) (C.

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Hever Golf Rose ready to bloom

CHANNEL 4

2.05: The experience of Our Way and Millroy will be an asset but this looks booked for one of the newcomers. Elnadim. reportedly one of John Dunlop's more talented twoyear-olds, is an impeccably bred colt. This half-brother to several group one winners will probably corner the market. Betting exchanges should also reveal much about the prospects of Musalsal and Indiscreet. However, Wasp

Ranger may offer a bit of value. He hails from a stable packed with juvenile talent. 2.35: Well Warned, an easy winner last time, makes the short-list on her third behind Dazzle at Newmarket, Moonshine Girl's Queen Mary effort probably represents the best form but she has little in hand of Carmine Lake through Connemara, Bianca Nera, Daylight Dreams and Tumbleweed Pearl have potential but preference is for Seebe, who railied strongly to take a competitive heat at

Ascot. 3.10: Pivotal was reportedly below par in the July Cup. yet he and Mind Games reproduced their King's Stand form almost to the ounce. If they appear closely matched, Mind Games's failure to land a race of this calibre is an ominous portent for them both, Struggler has a big sprint in him but this could go to Hever Golf Rose, who threatens to recapture last season's brilliance. At the weights, she was the moral winner at Goodwood last month, when she was denied in the last strides. She holds Cool Jazz and Eveningperformance on that running.

3.45: North Song's style of racing carns him the vote in a race where traffic problems will almost certainly influence

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION the outcome. John Gosden: consistent three-year-old has succumbed to well-weighted animals on his last two starts. and Frankie Dettori should get the most from this competitive colt. Gold Spats, Questonia and Intidab, a lightly-raced trio, are capable of improvement but Tertium and Tregaron seem in the handicapper's grip.

Star Manager, freshened since Royal Ascot, has prospeers if at his best. Hi Nod returns to handicap company after a fruitless effort in group class, but he looks over-burdened with top weight. Similarly. Beauchamp Jazz looks plenty high in the handicap. Axford, who remains a maiden after six outings, has some solid efforts behind him and is worth a saver.

4.15: Dacha is interesting in that Henry Cecil has perse-vered with this lightly-raced four-year-old. Daunt has prove pects over a trip that should suit, while Spillo continues to thrive on a busy campaign.

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Askern brings similar credentials to last year's winner. Progression. General Macarthur makes some appeal but his lack of a recent run may count against him. In a tricky affair. Ayunli is a sporting selection. A previous winner over the course and distance, Ayunli hinted at a return to

JULIAN MUSCAT

CARTMEL THUNDERER

5.45 Bures. 6.15 Earlymorning Light. 6.45 Scrabo View. 7.15 Master Ofthe House. 7.45 Green's Seago. 8.15 Good Hand.

GOING, GOOD TO FIRM

5.45 BURLINGTON SLATE CLAIMING HURDLE (Amateurs: £1.893 2m 11 11 Dyd) (6 nunners)

5-4 Bures 7-2 Series Series, 5-1 Hadiser's Cross, 8-1 Belabogenheit, 14-1 Old Martafly Tell Booth

6.15 NIREX HANDICAP CHASE (£3,007: 2m 5f 110yd) (4)

1 212 EARLYMORANNS LIGHT 87 (F.6) 6 Richards 1-12-0 A Dobban 2 22-2 THE TOASTER 50 (CD.F.G.S.) J Quarti 9-10-10 M Dayler 3 F-4P LASS EIRICO 81 (F.Q.) Med L Gussell 10-10-2 A Thomson 4 41-3 BLAZENG DANN 76 (C.F.C.S.) J Hubbach 9-10-0 B Storey

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS M Bancs, 7 comers from 16 numers, 43.8%, Mis U Reveloy 6 from 15, 45.0% 6 Richards 10 from 35, 26.3% P Beaumont, 3 from 13, 21.4%, Lf. Kommond, 3 from 23, 13.0%. JOCKEYS: A Cetthin, 8 somers from 24 tides, 23 3%; M Dayer 5 from 19, 26 3%, 6 Slovey, 5 from 29, 17 2% Only qualities.

Cole eyes Deauville prize

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RACELINE Deauville previously with Snurge, is eyeing the big YARMOUTH 102 202 SALISBURY 103 203 CARTMEL 104 204 The Irish St Leger winner was one of 16 acceptors at yesterday's forfeit stage for the extended mile and a half FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168

PAUL COLE, having won the group two Grand Prix de prize together with stablemate Salmon Ladder and fellow Normandy prize again on Sunday with Strategic Choice.

British challengers Pilsudski and High Baroque.

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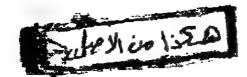
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CRICKET

Lesson must be learnt from black day at Lord's

By Alan Lee cricket correspondent

THE old place has never seen a day like it. A drugs case and a disgraced cricketer before lunch was bad enough but Tuesday at Lord's took on nightmarish proportions when a frenzied crowd scarred a schoolboys' match with such wild behaviour that the Grace Gates had to be thrown wide to admit a stream of wailing police vans.

Write the script of the day and it would be thrown back as unrealistic. Cricket is not supposed to have characters like Ed Giddins and it is certainly not supposed to have a drugs problem. Add on the notion of an under-15s game producing pitch invasions and an-field violence of a type no English Test match has stimulated and the whole thing

scems preposterous. Somehow, though, it did all happen and the repercussions are now being assessed. Cricket has difficulty with antisocial behaviour; it does not expect to confront it. Yester-

day, it had no choice. At Lord's, MCC conducted an informal inquiry into the crowd disorder during and after the game between the teenagers of India and Pakistan. Shock was the principal emotion, as expressed by the secretary, Roger Knight, "It's very worrying and probably unprecedented, but how can you expect hooliganism to

spoil a schoolboy game?" Knight was unable to offer any explanation other than the traditionally fierce hostility between followers of India and

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Pakistan, Entry to Lord's was free on Tuesday and London-based Asians flocked there in surprising numbers, bearing flags, replica shirts and a sorry disregard for standards,

Knight is awaiting a full report on the incident from the police, who made a number of arrests after orgently summoning reinforcements. They arrived dramatically, their vehicles taking over the area

behind the pavilion.

We had a small police presence all day," Knight said, but we did not have the number of stewards at ground level that we do for major games — in fact, it was only on Monday that we decided to use six. The crowd was slightly higger than we had anticipated, but that in itself was no problem. It was the conduct that took us by surprise and I hope we will learn from it."

This might have been a refrain penned for Giddins. whose 19-month suspension was being absorbed yesterday at Hove. The committee of Sussex, his employers since he left school, met in the old pavilion to debate, among other things, whether the hand of help should be offered to their shamed last bowler.

The chances are it will not. By summarily terminating his registration, the Test and County Cricket Board has disowned Giddins. By suspending him for so long, it has also implied that he will not be welcomed back. As a means of making an example of him. this is highly effective but, as

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David Lloyd and Michael Atherton direct operations during practice for the third Test match at the Oval yesterday

an appropriate penalty for what is evidently a single indiscretion with a recreational drug, as distinct from one that would brand him a cheat, it is savage.

A more appropriate ban would have been until the middle of next season - long enough to sting Giddins and deter others, but not so long as to drain him of incentive and, perhaps, drive him from the game. Sussex no longer offi-cially employ Giddins but they could continue to look after him, just as Arsenal looked uiter Paul Merson.

If they were inclined, they could give him a jub helping the groundsman for a year, while he kept fit playing club cricket. They could keep him from the clutches of the Sunday tabloids and refocus him on a cricket career of much promise, spoiled by one huge endorsement. But cricket, as I say, has a problem with antisocial behaviour.

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THE LEADING TOO ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Surrey ready for latest test

BY SIMON WILDE matches. Nottinghamshire

are a dispirited unit and have

little to play for in this

Surrey have been hit harder

by international calls than any

other county this summer, but

the response of their squad

has been impressive. The key

has been the contributions

made by stand-ins such as

Benjamin, Ratcliffe and Shahid, all of whom will be in

action today. Surrey have won

their past four championship

matches to coincide with a

Despite having not fully

recovered from a calf strain,

Whitaker returns to try to

reignite the challenge of

Leicestershire, who have

slipped to fourth. They face

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DESPITE the expected absences of Alec Stewart, Gra-ham Thorpe and Chris Lewis, Surrey will be looking to pick up the winning thread when they meet Nottinghamshire in the Britannic Assurance County Championship at Trent Bridge today.

The county has not played since their defeat by Essex in the NatWest Trophy semi-final last week, before which they had won 15 out of 18 county matches, a hot streak that took them to the top of the championship and AXA Equity & Law League tables.

Surrey now lie third in the championship but, with Derbyshire, the leaders, not playing and Kent, who are second, facing an awkward trip to Cardiff, they could regain first place this weekend. Heavily beaten in their past five

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chester and will be hoping for their spinners to bring them maximum points against Gloucestershire. One of them. Childs, 45, announced yester-

day that he is to retire next month. Durham launched a belated attempt to avoid the ignominy of finishing bonom of the table with a rare display of purposeful batting against Somerset at Weston-super-Mare yesterday. They made 326 all out to add three batting points to the meagre 19 they had picked up before the visit to Clarence Park. David Cox,

the off spinner, was unbeaten on 95 when the innings closed. For Somerset, Graham Rose was also in fine form with figures of seven for 73 from 26.5 overs.

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How Fazal cut through the complacency

John Woodcock recalls a stirring Oval

fightback to level a series 42 years ago

t is time to go back 42 more than 112 in the four Test years — to the Oval for the fourth and final Test are fourth and fi match between England and Pakistan in 1954. For their first tour of England, the Pakistanis had struck the wettest summer since 1903, and that, inevitably, had made things very difficult for them, accustomed as they to quite different

conditions Yet it was because the rain had come to Pakistan's rescue in two of the first three Tests (they lost the other by an innings) that the series was still open when, on August 12, the sides took the field at the Oval. Had there been betting on cricket at the time, the odds on a Pakistan victory would have been unimaginable. It seemed a question not of whether England would win, only of how long it would take

They had not lost a home Test match for over three years, and the Oval was a minefield for visiting batsmen. To bowl for them, the selectors had at their disposal. Bedser, Statham, Trueman, Tyson, Bailey, Loader, Lock, Laker, Wardle and Appleyard, and there were others, such as Gladwin, Jackson and Shackleton, who were very good. What riches, what infi-

nite riches! Within a month of the Oval Test match, England were due to set sail for Australia aboard the SS Orsova, accom-panied by 18 journalists. Our thoughts had been centred on this for so much of the season that when, at the end of July, the selectors were dispersing after choosing the party for Australia, it had to be drawn to the attention of those concerned that they had yet to pick a side to engage Pakistan at the Oval. That, anyway, was the story. I cannot vouch for it's authenticity, but the XI they eventually named to play

at the Oval certainly hinted at complacency. There was nothing the mat-ter with the first five in the order - Hutton, Simpson, May, Compton, and Graveney - but Loader, McConnon and Tyson were given a game ahead of Bedser, Statham and Balley on the grounds that, as they were going to Australia, they would benefit from the experience.

Tyson had scarcely been lassooed, let alone broken in. and Bailey's absence meant that Evans had to bat at No 6, which was too high for him.

Most importantly, Pakistan were left with the bowler best suited to exploit a slow, rainaffected Oval pitch, the peerless Fazai Mahmood, and it was he, with figures of 12 for 99, who duly won them a lowscoring match. Pakistan thus squared a series in which their most successful bats-man. Hanif Mohammad, scored 183 runs in his eight innings at an average of 22.62, and only three others totalled

tle medium than medium fast. Primarily a cutter of the ball (though he could also swing it), he had learnt his craft on matting pitches in Pakistan, some of coir, some of jute.

It was a surface that gave added purchase to the ball. As a bowler of the leg cutter he has to be up there alongside S. F. Barnes and Alec Bedser, and days would pass without his bowling a long hop or a full toss. He was charming and very handsome with it big, strong and pertinacious.

The slowest day's cricket in Test history was on the mat at Karachi In October 1950, when Fazal and Khan Mohammad, bowling unchanged, dismissed Australia for 80 in 53.1 overs, and Pakistan were 15 for 2 at close of play. Keith Miller remembers it as the most absorbing day of his career.

Having seen Neil Harvey take an hour to get off the mark, Miller decided to blaze away, and with 21 in 20 minutes he was Australia's highest scorer. "We'd just been made to look like bunnies by Jim Laker in England," he says. "So I thought. Jigger it. I'm not going to let that happen again.

Fazal's 13 wickets for 114 runs in 75 overs at Karachi rate every bit as highly with Miller as Laker's 19 wickets for 90 runs in 68 overs at Old Trafford. "Fazai was some-thing else." he says.

The ball would either pitch outside the off stump and go over your left shoulder, or pitch outside the leg stump and go over your right shoulder. Laker was marvellous, but Fazai was a master."

The principle governing the selection of the England side for that Oval Test match of 1954 seemed much less outlandish then than it would today. Even the choice of McConnon ahead of Laker in the party for Australia was greeted with no special outrage, nor the omission of Trueman, though it is harder now to understand why not. McConnon was said to have outbowled Laker when Glamorgan became one of the few sides to beat Surrey at the Oval in those days, and Trueman to have blotted his book in the West Indies in the winter of 1953-54.

addressed to a local official at a dinner for the MCC side was reputed to be Trueman's felony, and deference was certainly never a habit with him. In retrospect, though. I am sure he was hard done by. He was a great bowler and patriot, and the peoples tavourite. But the game came much more under the aegis of MCC then, and, as a result, it was more urbanely administered than it is now. Even Trueman himself might agree that it was the healthier for it.

"Pass the salt, Gunga Din,"

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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don't want the team to qualify just by money. I want them to be in form as well." Not a scintalla of equivocation there, and Ballesteros continued on the theme as he set about burning the ears of Nick Faldo, who has played most of his golf in the United States for the better part of two seasons. "I would like Faldo to come over to Europe to play in some of the better tournaments which will help him to qualify," Ballesteros said. Everybody has to understand that we are not in the same

Ballesteros warns his Ryder Cup hopefuls

GOLF

FROM MELWEBB IN STUTTGART

THIS is the last week of peace. the last week before the hype begins, the last week, in fact, before the whole, emotive hoopla that is the battle for Ryder Cup selection starts — or it should have been. Except that yesterday the peace was shattered by the Europe team captain, who delivered an early lecture to those who would play for him.

The man to whom Europe will be looking at Valderrama in September next year will be Severiano Ballesteros. He will be making his first appearance as captain and, from his tone, he is expecting 100 per cent commitment and more from his men. This is a clear message to everyone to qualify for the team," he said at the Nippenburg course, where the German Open starts today. "I

position as 15 years ago — there are a lot of new players coming through, and they are going to be pushing hard for places.

"I want all the top players to try to play their way in. They need to make an effort to quality. Otherwise, if I see someone else around in good form, they may not get picked. Some players may think that it doesn't matter whether they qualify or not and that they will be picked in any case. They might be in for a shock."

Ballesteros, whose own game continues to all him, will be hoping for better things at Nippenburg. Bernhard Lang-er and Ian Woosnam are here, but Colin Montgomerie, whose father is ill, has withdrawn.



Underdogs 🖗

can match

Barry and

progress

in Europe

By a Correspondent HAVING set the best possible example. Barry Town yesterday offered Llansantffraid some extra words of encouragement before the minnows from mid-Wales attempt to become the second club from the League of Wales to celebrate success in Europe within the space of just 48 hours. Llansantifraid, represent-ing a village with a population

of just 951 people, take on Ruch Chorzow, 14 times the

Polish champions, in the sec-ond leg of their Cup Winners' Cup preliminary-round tie this afternoon with the scores

level at i-i and Barry, who upset the formbook by knocking the Hungarians, Vasutas,

of Budapest, out of the Uefa

Cup in a thrilling penalty shoot-out on Tuesday night, insist that the Welsh flag can

continue to fly high in Poland. They have got to go out

there, be brave, and say 'We

can win this"," Chris Aust, the

Barry general manager, said.

Many people didn't give us a

hope of overturning a 3-1

deficit from the first leg of our

tie, but we did it and now the sky is the limit.
"It will be hard to take it all

in when we go to Geneva for

the draw on Friday and see

our name up on the boards with the likes of Newcastle

United, Barcelona, Bayern

Munich and Celtic, but we've

always said this dub is going

places and now we've set the

standard for the League of

Wales. Welsh clubs are getting

to know what is expected of

them in Europe and results

have been getting better and

better this year. There is no

reason why Llansantfiraid

cannot keep the ball rolling."

Shelbourne, the sole Repub-

lic of Ireland club left in

European competition, will

he without defenders David Campbell and Pat Scully



on the trail of an Englishman abroad

he faces peer in through the car windows and an army of hands thrusts notebooks at Bobby Rob-son as he tries to inch his new Chrysler out of the main gates of the Nou Camp stadium. He signs as many as he can, returns the greetings of the lucky ones who have got close enough to shake his hand, and then pulls away into the empty streets as night falls.

Soon, the lights of the city are behind him and the Garraf tunnels that were hewn through the mountains before the 1992 Olympic Games beckon him towards his home in Sitges, on the coast, 20 miles to the south. He stops to pay the toll and out of the darkness a friendly voice shouts good wishes. Forza Barca" booms into the scrub, and Robson presses on.

Later that night, he sits in his favourite restaurant with his wife, Elsie, sipping a glass of Chilean rose, talking about their childhoods in the North East, when they used to watch the miners, their faces coated in coal dust, walking home from the pits. He signs autographs for other diners as they wish him good luck. When he walks on the promenade, listening to the music and the singing coming from the cafes, watching the waves break on the beach, people turn to stare.

The next morning, before he leaves the six-bedroom house that the club is renting for him in a quiet street lined with palms, to address the representatives of some of Barcelona's 1,000 supporters' clubs. his gardener, Juan, tells him not to worry about the injury crisis afflicting the club, that everything will be

He finishes his breakfast as the sun starts to kiss the patio and bounce off the swimming pool, and he knows beyond doubt that life as the manager of Barceiona could be sweet indeed. He recalls how Terry Venables, who managed the club a decade ago, and Gary Lineker, who played under Venables, told him during Euro 96 that his time here



Robson, who has a limited Spanish vocabulary, converses in football's common language during Barcelona's victory on Tuesday night. Photographs: Chris Harris

"the adulation and the excitement, the happiness that it will generate amongst the public, will make life incredibly pleasurable. It could be the best job in the world, but if the results don't come, it could be the

"Every day, something new hap-pens to make me realise just what a big club it is. We went to Majorca last week for a tournament and 5,000 people turned up to watch us training. The team coach couldn't get to the ground. The hotel there was crammed with autographhunters and people taking pictures. They follow you everywhere. They seem to know where you will be all day. For the players, in particular, it

is real pop-star stuff." In the time since his eight-year stint as manager of England came to an end with defeat against Germany in the 1990 World Cup semi-finals. Robson has led a peripatetic existence, wandering Europe, creating football excellence wherever he has gone, winning

national championships in Holland, with PSV Eindhoven, and in

Portugal, with FC Porto. it was a wrench to leave Portugal. where he and his wife had made many friends and had settled into a comfortable, expatriate lifestyle; members of a local sports club.

days away and he is beginning to realise the extent of his task. He knows he must win the championship and do well in the Cup Winners' Cup to satisfy the club president, Jose Luis Nuñez, and the legions of supporters who were starved of success for the last two

'It could be the best job in the world, but if the results don't come, it could be the worst'

keen patrons of the resident orchestra. But, when the chance to manage Barcelona came, Robson knew that it was too good to turn down. The big time was calling again, offering him, at the age of 63.

a golden last hurrah.
The start of the season is only ten

seasons of the eight-year reign of Robson's predecessor, Johan Cruyff. Nothing else will do.

The pressure is already starting to mount. Ronaldo, the club's record signing at more than £13 million, arrived on Monday and played for 20 minutes in his first

pre-season match on Tuesday night, the 2-0 defeat of the Argentine side, San Lorenzo. The excitement is reaching fever

pitch, and Robson has added to it by bringing Stoichkov, the Bulgaria forward, back from Parma, drafting in a new goalkeeper, Vitor Baia, who played for him at Porto, for £5 million, and grabbing Pizzi, the prolific goalscorer, from Tenerife, and Giovanni, the Brazilian forward, from Santos. Laurent Blanc, the elegant French centre half, had been signed before he arrived.

The competition, though, will be tough. Atletico Madrid, doublewinners last season, will be formidable opponents, and Real Madrid are looking ominously confident in their pre-season matches. It is a higher standard than he ever faced in Portugal, but that is why Robson, a man with a ruling passion for the game, took the job.

He is throwing numseu unto it with his usual verve, learning Spanish as best he can. Phrases like

and "pasa al huego" — pass to the space — are writ large on his notepad. He studies them in his garden, where the bougainvillaca climbs to the roof, until he is ready to emerge from his haven.

The pressure that came with the England job was a good prepara-tion for this," he said. "In some ways, the pressure is even greater here because it is more intense. It is week in, week out. I will be right back under the microscope again. But the club are not hire-and-fire merchants. I have got a two-year contract and I have got a lot of new players. I need a little time.

"I asked myself if I needed this high-intensity pressure at this time in my life, but the chances are that it is probably my last job anyway. After it is over, I should really think about spending more time with my

go out on."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent I missed a chance to shine on this hand, from a practice match against the British Open team for the Olympiad in October.

East-West val

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(I) Asking his partner to bid 3NT if he had a club stopper. (2) Too ambitious — it wasn't likely to stampede Robson into bidding five diamonds. Robson continued with dia-

monds at trick two, on which Forrester completed a peter to show an even number of diamonds. Later. I finessed the jack of hearts, and, after picking up the spades, I went one down. Do you see how I might have made the contract? This should have been my

(i) West is marked with eight diamonds. (2) East is marked with the ace of hearts from his double of five clubs. (3) West is quite likely to have partial stoppers in both majors, which can only be the major suit queens.

So I could have succeeded by playing for West to have a doubleton queen of hearts: ruff the second diamond. linesse the jack of spades, draw trumps ending in South and finesse the ten of spades. Cash the king of spades, and play a heart. If East ducks, win the king and cash the ace of spades. That leaves three cards - declarer has jack and ten of hearts and a club, and dummy has two little hearts and a club. When declarer exits with a heart, either West is left on play with the queen of hearts to give a ruff and discard, or East overtakes to set up South's last heart.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

PATAS

By Philip Howard

NINNYHAMMER a. A simpleton b. A bird

MUITO

c. Leisure

e. A cobbier's tool a. A Turkish bath b. Ancient Port of Rome

a. A monkey b. Greek unleavened bread c. Basque guerrillas PITTACAL a. A solid blue tar b. Like a parrot c. A hormone

Answers on page 42



By RAYMOND KEENE CHEST CORRESPONDENT

Black magic

Does White have the advantage in chess? Often, the initiative con-ferred by the White pieces is compared to having the service in termis. Indeed, in the upper echeions of international chess, the Black player can be considered lucky to win at all. By contrast, in the rough and tumble of open ing facilities connected with play-ing Black can be devastating Triday's games are two examples from the British Championship where the counter triumphed. White: Andrew Martin Black: Chris Ward

Nottingham, August 1996 Sidling Deleger 9 Eg5 10 EM6 Q35

29 Qxd5

30 Qc7+

32 Qc7+

EENE on CHESS

White resigns



White: Tim Wall Black: Matthew Sadle Nottingham, August 1996

Trompovsky Atlack 63 exc4 Bb5 Qt3 11 CrdS 12 Brc6+ 13 Crc6+ 14 Cre4+ 15 Cre7+ 21 Nf4 White resigns

Foxtrot International Scores after five rounds of the

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WINNING MOVE

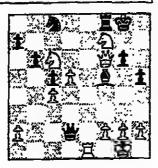
By Raymond Keene

Ora2

Kh6

White to play. This position is from the game Burzlaff - Hilber. Leipzig 1934. White has invaded the black kingside but is being hampered by the attack on his rook and knight and the weakness of his own back rank. Can you spot his energetic solution to these

Solution on page 42



FOR THE RECORD

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when they attempt to over-turn a 3-1 deficit against S K. Brann in the Cup Winners' Cup in Norway tonight. Barry are hoping to land family, playing more golf.
"But I am not thinking about not They would no

Newcastle in the next round so that they can cash in on their superb victory over Vasutas. game at the National Stadium, Cardiff Arms Park, although, if they were drawn at home for the second leg on September 24, the fixture would not be possible because the Wales rugby union side play France a day later.

Newcastle would be ideal." Aust said. "They would bring 26,000 fans down here and would guarantee us a big pay day - particularly if we play at the Arms Park."

Any other draw and Barry are hoping they can expand? the 3,000 capacity of their own refurbished Jenner Park ground so that they can continue playing at home. Not that they would mind staying "at home".

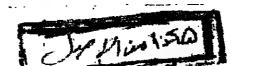
A capacity crowd revelled in their win on Tuesday, with goals from Chris Pike, Dave O'Gorman and Craig Evans ensuring a 3-1 win on the night, a 4-4 draw on aggregate and the necessity of a shootout, which was won 4-2.

Llansantffraid have taken a professional attitude to their visit to Silesia - even down to switching hotels to fool the opposition. The players were going to stay at a hotel next to the ground, but Graham Breeze, the manager, said: We've been warned that the Polish fans can be quite fanaticul and might keep us up all night by banging drums and blowing horns. We could do without that, particularly after the long journey to Poland, so we decided to switch to a hotel out of town."



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FOOTBALL

Pleat refuses to read too much into sound start

BY PETER BALL

BEING top of the pile in August is no guarantee of safety in May, as Bristol City and Carlisle United can testify. Both led the old first division when the early tables were published, only to end the season being relegated.

David Pleat knows his history, and he is under no illusions that yesterday's FA Carling Premiership table, showing Sheffield Wednesday at the top, means anything. But, after being among the pre-season favourites for relegation. Wednesday can look back on their first two games with satisfaction.

Not only have they won both, but the manner of the 2-0 victory away to Leeds United on Tuesday night was reassuring. Not only have they un-earthed Richie Humphreys, a teenage striker who has already been tipped for stardom by Marco van Basten, but, more important, they looked a far more competitive team than the languid bunch of

strolling Hillsborough players of the past few seasons. "I always remember your

comment when we lost at Leeds last season." Pleat said after the match. "You thought we were very anaemic and weak, passed the ball too much and then eventually lost it. I don't think we do that now. In the nicest possible way, we've introduced youn-



Arsenal directors in for rough ride

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

THERE was a time when Arsenal's annual meetings were smooth, gentlemanly affairs, when the accounts were agreed by a unanimous nod and potentially awkward questions from the floor were dealt with swiftly and amicably. Not any more. The Arsenal directors would be advised to wear flak jackets

this evening, such is the mood of dissent over the present state of affairs at Highbury. Many supporters have lost patience with the apparent

lack of decorum and sensitivity at boardroom level, with Peter Hill-Wood, the chairman, and David Dein, the influential vice-chairman, expected to be given a rough ride when the meeting is thrown open to any other business

"We'll be asking them what the hell is going on at our club," one shareholder said yesterday. "Very little seems to make sense any more. All integrity, all honour, seems to have disappeared."

Much of the supporters' dismay centres on the contro-versial dismissal of Bruce Rioch, the manager, last week and the undignified and poorly-timed manner in which it was handled. Questions will also be asked over the delay of the arrival of Arsène Wenger, Rioch's supposed successor.

last November.

on his ankle.

Brolin had led Sweden to

third place in the 1994 World

Cup and Parma to the Euro-

pean Cup Winners' Cup in

1993. He is due to make his

debut for FC Zurich in the

Swiss League premier division

on September 4 against Young

Howard Wilkinson, the

THE TIMES

and the club's seemingly haphazard transfer policy.

Mick Coppock, an Arsenal bond holder and editor of Gunflash, the official supporters' club magazine, takes a more moderate stance. "! wouldn't say we're angry but we're certainly a bit concerned," he said. "After the things that have happened at the club in the past year or so, Rioch's departure is just another episode in a long series. Just when you think it's all finished, something else

rops up.
People are naturally worried, but perhaps when Wenger is finally installed and a couple of top-class players are signed — prefera-bly ones that we recognise then things will settle down again."

Financial discussion may also figure high up the agenda. Arsenal showed a pre-tax loss on last season of more than £3.5 million. Although a profit of £2.54 million was made on overall activities, it was turned into a loss by a deficiency of £6.15 million on transfer dealings, most notably Dennis Bergkamp and

Commercial and retail profits were down by nearly E2 million. from £12.99 million to £11.01 million, at the end of the last financial year on May 31. ger legs for old legs, and 1 think we're playing a quicker

The arrival of Reggi Blinker lowards the end of last season, and the introduction of Humphreys and the summer's principal signing. Andy Booth, in the front have certainly helped. "My bock four is quick," Pleat added and Stepanovic, the young Yugo-slav international, is the only new face there.

As well as pace, there is evidently a new commitment and determination this year. They were very vigorous, they were physical in the best way, they competed very well." Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, said, with grudging admiration for the pposition.

"A short summary would be to say that they were an un-Pleat-like team — a team that got the ball forward very early, got round the half, won the scrapings, knocked the ball on, did a lot of clusing down and chasing."

There is little doubt that that represents a change from the tone set by Sheridan and Waddle in the old Wednesday ream, and a change in hunger. It also reflects a different approach. Pleat and his new assistant. Peter Shreeves, making the [pre-season] matches in Holland notable not only for the emergence of Humphreys, but for a new pattern.

"Those games in Holland were very important for us," Pleat said, "We got a little bit of a system going, and the lads seem to be enjoying what they are doing at the moment. It's hard, but they are proving resilient. There's a good appetite at the moment.

"But you can't have appetite if you don't have attitude, and there's a good mentality in the team at present. There are a lot of unsung heroes who have done it at lower levels -Whittingham, at Portsmouth. Collins, at Crewe, Pembridge, at Luton, Booth, at Huddersfield, which are not very big clubs to come from

"Atherton started at Wigan. Nolan at Transpere, so they all know what a wonderful thing it is to go out to full crowds at places like Leeds. With those skydivers and all the pre-game show, it was like Disneyland for them at Elland Road." On Saturday, there will be

another passionate full house at St James' Park. If Wednesday can come through that experience unscathed, they will indeed look forward with confidence. But, as Pleat said: "We're just pleased to know that, if we lose at Newcastle, we've got six points."



Humphreys, who has made an impressive start to the season for Sheffield Wednesday, scores the opening goal in the 2-0 victory over Leeds United at Elland Road on Tuesday night. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Ball has his back to the City wall

t was Francis Lee, now the club's chairman, who once remarked memoracock-ups. Manchester City would win it." Alan Ball, the present manager at Maine Road, is a great one for tradition, it seems.

Just two games into one of the most important seasons in Manchester City's history. Ball is already talking about having to fight to save his job, after a narrow 1-0 defeat at the home of Bolton Wanderers, one of their perceived rivals for promotion from the Nationwide League first division, on Tuesday night.

Clearly, Ball is not about to make things easy for himself. City have arrived in the first division after a damaging season of political inlighting. both in the boardroom and the dressing-room. The evidence so far is that little has changed as the club attempts to secure immediate promotion back to the land of the FA Carling Premiership, where

the Sky is bluer. Upstairs. Lee, the former City player who had overwhelming support from the club's supporters in his fight David Maddock on the continuing

trials and tribulations at Maine Road

man, Peter Swales, has led something of a crusade by half of the club's board of directors. Unsurprisingly, several resent this — and Lee's dictatorial style - and rumour abounds

The chairman is vulnerable to a takeover, his relatively small holding in the publicly-listed club, and there are rival camps planning to exploit that.

The situation downstairs is not much better, and an obvious tension in the dressing-room merely adds to the desire of certain parties to oust Lee in order to get at a manager at present protected

thoroughly by his chairman. Ball, it is believed, has never won the wholehearted support of his senior players, and the dressing-room is not for the faint-hearted - a

situation that became painfully clear as City stumbled at Burnden Park. He has not spoken to certain players in months, and locked his squad in the dressing-room for an hour-long ear-bashing on Tuesday evening.

Manchester

City is a large club, historically 'Predictably, flirting on the pe-riphery of the "big the hounds six", and needs almost demands are baying - to be in the top for my blood' division. It is such

a shame to see it riven by petty squabbles and messy relationships. Ball's reponse is his usual, almost tireless, call to arms. He is a working lad, he says,

and he is not afraid of a scrap. The more cynical among his first-team squad are becoming a little weary of that kneejerk response, but the manager has a cunning plan to counter such indifference. In an astonishing outburst

yesterday, Ball, perhaps unwisely, put firmly on the agenda what so far has merely been whispered in dark corners: by confronting it head-on. "The hounds are baying for my blood, and it is time to put the tin hat on and prepare for a siege." he said. *İ expected this reaction

and I've not been disappointed. I will just have to ride out the storm, and what I will say is that you are going to see a lot of changes on the playing side over the next couple of What Ball has perhaps for-

itten is that Brian Horton, his predecessor, decided to confront the politics at the club, and it led to his dismissal. For the time being, however, Ball will attempt to buy and sell, his first target being Paul Dickov, the Arsena striker, from whose board of directors he expects an answer to a £750,000 offer after they meet on Thursday.

Ball's fate, though, is inexorably linked with that of Lee, and many more performances like that on Tuesday night will see the knives being sharpened some considerable time before March.

at Conwy IT IS 15 years since Belle Robertson became the oldest winner of the British matchplay championship at

IN BRIEF

Moodie

makes

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Conwy (Caernarvonshire) golf club and this week she is back in north Wales again for the British women's strokeplay championship (Patricia Davies writes). Now that she is a bona fide

senior citizen, Robertson, who was 60 in April, is not competing but caddying — for Mhairi McKay, her fellow Scot, - and caddies being a gnarled lot by tradition, she is making no claims to being the oldest bag carrier in this historic town.

Yesterday, in the first round, she was not the most successful either, but McKay, the 21-year old Curtis Cup player from Turnberry, had no complaints after a level-par 75 that left her five shots behind the leader, Janice Moodie, another Curtis Cup

player from Scotland. Conwy has seven par fives, including four in a row from the 7th, and McKay had birdies at three of them -Moodie topped that with five, but dropped three shots in the

Open seeds

Tennis: The US Tennis Association broke with its own ongstanding tradition yesterday by deviating from the ATP Tour rankings in formulating men's seedings for the US Open which starts on Monday. Michael Chang, ranked a career-high third in the world, is promoted to No 2 seed, behind the world No 1, Pete Sampras. Richard Krajicek and Andre Agassi are seeded two places above their world rankings, at No5 and No6 respectively.

Boris Becker has withdrawn from the championships, still suffering from the wrist injury he sustained at Wimbledon.

Obree out

Cycling: Graeme Obree will not defend his 4,000 metres world pursuit title when the world track championships start at the Manchester velodrome next Wednesday. He is still suffering from the effects of a viral infection that disrupted his preparation for the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Union veto

Rugby League: lestyn Harris, 20, the Wales stand-off half, who has been linked with Saracens, Cardiff and Llanelli rugby union clubs, and is on the transfer list at Warrington for £1.35 million, said yesterday that he was "not considering union as an option this

Family rivals

Golf: Sandra and Michael Toole, of Brokenhurst Manor. the Burhill family foursomes champions in 1994, put paid 3 and 2 to the challenge of Audrey Briggs and her son Laurie, 13, of Royal Liverpool, in the third round of the competition yesterday.

RUGBY UNION

SRU hopes to end stalemate

THE standoff between the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) and the national squad over the value of player contracts is expected to be resolved by the weekend (Mark Souster writes). A source at Murrayfield indicated yesterday that basic guarantees to the senior internationals - the main issue at the centre of intense negotiations over the past six days — would be increased by more than 50 per cent to at least £45.000 a year.

With bonuses and other fees, this figure could rise to more than £60,000. The contracts would last until the 1999 World Cup, and offer the security that the players have been seeking.

The SRU hopes that this new offer will be enough to prevent the exodus of at least five more players to England before the start of the season. It is understood that Scott Hastings, of Watsonians, Scotland's most-capped player, and Bryan Redpath, Craig Chalmers, Graham Shiel and Rowen Shepherd, from Melrose, have been offered lucrative contracts by London Scottish.

The source said that the union accepted the matter had to be resolved urgently and that it was confident that the players would stay in

Misfit Brolin joins FC Zurich on loan

By Our Sports Staff Leeds manager, said: "He | Brolin| wants to play football TOMAS BROLIN, the Sweden international, who beand the club prepared to give came an expensive outcast at him first-team football is FC Leeds United, yesterday Zurich. joined FC Zurich on loan for Tim Sherwood has agreed the rest of the season. The

to a new live-year contract striker has endured an unhapwith Blackburn Rovers, quellpy nine months at Elland Road since his £4.25 million ing speculation that he was about to leave Ewood Park. move from Parma, of Italy. Robert Coar, the Blackburn chairman, said: "We are Plagued by injuries and a delighted to announce that lack of fitness, Brolin, 26. Tim Sherwood has agreed never displayed the form that terms for a three-year extenwas expected of him and he sion to his contract - a fivehad to settle eventually for the year contract from now." role of substitute. He missed Sherwood's team-mates Jason Leeds's final two games of last Wilcox, Tim Flowers and Colseason, when he returned to in Hendry have all signed Sweden to have an operation similar contracts.

The Football Association is waiting for Sunderland to issue an explanation behind their decision to play Alex Rae in three pre-season matches, despite the midfield player being suspended. Rae joined Sunderland from Millwall during the summer for El million with a three-match ban still to be served after he was sent off during Millwall's defeat against Oldham at the New Den last April.

But Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, was apparently unaware of the situation and did not realise that he had breached FA regulations by playing Rae. Players serving suspensions are not allowed to play, even in pre-season matches, and Sunderland immediately contacted the FA once they had realised their

mistake. Your last chance to join Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "It looks as though the race for the they may have acted in all £50,000 prize. innocence, which will proba-See the special bly heip their case." four-page guide

Redknapp assures Futre of his West Ham future

arry Redknapp, the West Ham United manager, felt confident about the FA Carling Premiership season ahead. His "league of nations" at Upton Park, assembled at a fraction of the cost of Alan Shearer, brimmed with exotic possibilities. Paulo Futre, Ilie Dumitrescu, Stefan Bilic and Florin Raducioiu would surely complement the home-grown talents of Steve Ports, Richard Hall, John Moncur and Danny Williamson.

Then, bit by bit. Redknapp's best-laid plans were torn apart. Injury upon injury befell the squad, with Ports, Tony Dumitreseu. Cottee. Raducioiu, Ian Bishop, Hall and Moncur ruled out of the opening match against Arsenal at Highbury. West Ham, predictably, lost 2-0.

Redknapp is used to setbacks but even his patience. his renowned ability to face adversity and keep on smiling. has been sorely tested. "It's been crazy, the players have been going down like ninepins," he said. "The younger lads did well at Arsenal, and the team spirit is still tremendous, but you can't lose so many good players and not expect it to have an effect.

What annoys me most is that people are writing us off already, without even knowing the full facts. They're the same people who are writing off Newcastle for the championship just because they lost their first game. Believe me. they'll be up there come the end of the season. It's not where you start that matters. it's where you finish." Redknapp has had other

assorted problems to deal

Russell Kempson on

early problems for

the league of nations now at Upton Park

with. The widely reported rift between himself and Futre, his free transfer signing from AC

Milan: the apparent interest of Queens Park Rangers in Moncur, his elegant midfield player: and the possibility of Cottee, his thirtysomething striker, moving to Malaysia to see out his career. Futre, apparently, had left

Highbury in some distress on Saturday after discovering that he would not be among the substitutes. "Rubbish, I just don't know how stories like this get around." Redknapp said. "Paulo is not fit at the moment, he has a

Redknapp: waiting for Futre to regain fitness

Friday that he needed a few more days to get it right. He agreed."

Frank Lampard, Redknapp's assistant. mistakenly put Futre's name on the teamsheet, as a substitute. Futre tried to explain that he was not to be included but was unable

to make himself understood.

form, once he's got fit, he could become the free transfer find of the season. If it pays off, great; if not, he'll go

Barnsley." Of Cottee, he said: "He's had

European Cup

The mix-up arose when

"There was no row," Redknapp said. "How could Paulo and I have a row? He

"If Paulo recaptures his old

West Ham wisely insisted on a clause that they could cancel Futre's contract if he barely left the treatment table. Redknapp does not want to lose him, or Moncur or Cottee. Of Moncur, he said: "I'm trying to build a good team here and you don't do that by selling your best players. I'm sure John would prefer to play at Old Trafford rather than

a great offer from Malaysia and I suppose it's up to him whether he goes."

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RADIO CHOICE

Take a pair of borrowers

This opening segment of Geoffrey Smith's series about Gilbert and Sullivan is definitely — repeat definitely — not a sequence of highlights from their comic operas. Smith is too practised a musicologist to aim for such popular appeal, though he does play enough G and S excerpts to warm an addict's heart. Smith's brief in part one is to illustrate how Sullivan borrowed from, or parodied, other music masters few of whom wrate his kind of mosic. He other music masters, few of whom wrote his kind of music. He instances Trial by Jury's debt to Bellini, Cox and Box's to Donizetti, Iolanthe's to Mendelssohn. Yeomen of the Guard's to Wagner, and kind on may not agree with all Smith says, but you have to admire the physical and the same and

Wilde Belles. Radio 4 (FM). 2.00pm.

You must have wondered what happens to television "soap" actors when they're not required. The simple answer is that some turn in when they're not required. The simple answer is that some turn to radio drama, which involves us in a degree of readjustment to accept them, as it were, out of character. Not that Elizabeth Bradley and Malcolm Hebden, garrulous granny and fishy fishmonger in Rosemary Kay's contemporary Gothic fairy-tale, are unrecognisable as Maud and Norris from Coronation Street. What little light relief there is in Wilde Belles is dark grey in colour. Its outstanding asset is ten-year-old Vicky Connett's performance as the little girl who won't let go of her dead father. let go of her dead father.

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RADIO 2

FM Stareo 6,00mm Sarah Kennedy 7,30 Wake Up to Wagan 9,30 Kan Bruce 11,30 Jimmy Young 1,30pm Debbie Thrower 3,00 Ed Stewart 5,05 John Dunn 7,00 The 'What it' Show 7,30 Golden Memories and Saver Years — the Jim Reeves Story 9,00 Paul Jones 16,00 Daniel O'Donnel's Musical Clan

RADIO SLIVE

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Carpenter, Includes Amold (Clarinet Sonatina); Chabrie (Souvenire de Munich, Quadrille on Themes from Tristan und Isolde); Glullaru (Guitar Concerto) 7.00 BBC Proms 1996. Live from

the Albert Half, London Helner Herzog, trumpet, Andreas Haefliger, plano, Andreas rizeriger, piano, Yvonne Kenry, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo, Thomas Randle, lenor, Peter Sidhom, beritone, Prisharmonia Chorus, BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Claus Peter Flor, Wagner (Pratude, Liebestod, Tristan und Isolde), Siegfried Matthus (Der Wald) 7.40 Poetry Proms A performance of vanous works from the Live Theatre in Newcastle 8.00 Proms Part 2 Beethoven

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Mad couch disease can damage your health

ne of the toughest moves in age of 60 (an event he had last won 31 sport is the one needed to years ago). turn a competitor into a spectator - mainly because most players have got more sense.

So there is no great mystery behind the announcement by Linford Christie in Gateshead that he is still hankering to compete at top level next season. He is simply too proud of the shape he is in to sit it out in the stands want to trade the shape of a top-class beside people who can only dream of fitness

like his. He will be criticised for hanging in there too long, and for daring to sprint at the age of 37 — but good luck

He is not the only one reluctant to join the spectating classes. Peter Shilton, who became the mostcapped England football player during the 1990 World Cup finals, signed this week for West Ham United and said he wants to play top-level football until he is 50. If he makes it, he will equal the feat of fitness-fanatic Sir Stanley Matthews, who could still waltz into his first-team place at 50. And, down at Hickstead, the

Brazilian rider, Nelson Pessoa, has

won the showjumping Derby at the

BOWLS

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MARCH Conservative be-

came the first Cambridge

shire club in the 71-year

history of the county to

win one of the four main

national titles when they beat Courtfield, Carlisle,

20-18 in the English Bowl-

ing Association fours

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Miller's son, Lee, led for most of the contest. With

the score at 19-18 on the 21st

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Miller, drew a bowl within

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For David Taylor, partnered by his son.

Trevor, Ken Johnston and

Richard Sampson, it was

the third defeat in a nat-

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(c) The Latin word for "leisure, freedom from business, ease", much favoured by Horace and the Horatians. In occasional English use, especially in the phrase of tium cum dignitate. leisure with dignity, dignified case.

(a) The red monkey (Cercopithecus patas) of West Africa. From the French patas, from a dialect of Senegal.

(a) A dark blue solid substance obtained from the high-boiling portions of wood-tar. From the Greek pitta + kalos beautiful, kallos beauty. "Pittacal appears to have basic characters, for it is dissolved by acids and precipitated by alkalis."

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'Men were not created to be spectators'

competitor for the body of a typical fan? Perhaps it was with this is in mind that the Health Education Authority kicked off a campaign this week

These are all top sportsmen who

have decided they would rather play

than watch. They have taken a look at

what they see in the stands, and

decided this is not for them. Their

fitness is too valuable, too hard won.

Hardly surprising, when you look

aimed specifically at the health and fitness

of those who watch sport, rather than those who play it. They have issued a "Healthy Man's Action Pack" aimed at the football spectator and full of dire warnings about the effects of drink. drugs, cigarettes, junk food, no exercise and reckless sex. They reckon the gap between the fitness of the players on the pitch and the fans in

the stand has never been greater. They have trotted out Match of the Day presenter Des Lynam and studio expert Alan Hansen, along with Peter



Beardsley to help to get their message home, and they have placed their advice on staying healthy in Premier

League football magazines.

What they are recognising is what many a sportsman has always known — that spectating is by far the most dangerous sport there is.

The would-be weekend athlete is always being warned that he should have a health check before taking up any exercise or sport, but the truth is that what you really need is a health check before becoming a spectator.

One doctor warned at the start of this great summer of sport of a strange epidemic with no known cure. Dr Chris Steele labelled it "mad couch disease" and feared that it

Another perceptive observer. watching the American crowds turn

sexual appetite, and create tension in

out for the Olympics in Atlanta. described the Games as an event where the world's fittest performed for the world's fattest. There does seem to be something very strange in the idea of being so keen on sport that you

watching other people taking exercise. Of course, sport has always attracted spectators, but it was the

spend endless hours

advent of television that multiplied their number and the time spent watching throughout the world. Today, vastly more people watch their chosen sport on television rather than live, and they can spend many hours every week watching others take exercise while they take

absolutely none at all. Men, and particularly young men. were not created to be spectators. There are good reasons, of course, to watch champions at play. We can watch to learn how something is done. We can marvel at the perfor-

might be wise to get out there and do a bit ourselves.
We don't all have to be champions. or even competitors, but, as the Health Education Authority points out, there is a problem if young sports fans progressively eliminate physical activity from their

and stamina. But, ultimately, if we

want to reap the benefits of sport we

normal daily living.

These days, when you go to a big football

match, one of the most

remarkable sights is

that of the thousands

of fans who turn up in

You cannot buy fitness at the club shop

could cause weight gain, increase the mance of the human body in its risk of heart disease and loss of perfection. We can wonder at skill

replica team kit dressed as if they half expect to be called on to play.

There is no doubting the commitment of these young men and women to their team. They worship and applaud the skill, strength and stamina of their chosen heroes. They want to be like them, and so they wear the gear to look like them. But they had better realise before it's too late that you can't buy fitness and

> health from the club shop. JOHN BRYANT

RUGBY UNION

Australia fixtures widen home rift

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S relationships with the other three home rugby unions, already frigid, will grow no warmer after the confirmation yesterday of reciprocal fixtures with Australia over the next six years. Moreover, the Rugby Footbali Union (RFU) is expected to announce shortly that similar arrangements with New Zealand are in place.

That this is the consequence of long-term planning may cut little ice with Scotland, Ireland and Wales, who will sever relationships with England this season unless the RFU agrees to joint negotiations over the broadcasting rights for the five nations' championship. Instead they will perceive England as falling into line with the plan promoted by

television interests for a global five-nations' competition, involving England, France and the three southern-hemi-

sphere powers. England will not play Australia during their visit to Britain this autumn but, instead, the two countries have agreed to play two internationals each year, starting in July 1997 and continuing to 2003, the year scheduled for the fifth Rugby World Cup. At that stage, the arrangement will be reviewed.

Plans to add England to the scheduled tour of Scotland and Ireland in November could not be sustained, John O'Neill, the Australian Rugby Union's chief executive, admitted. However, the Australians, allowing for a satisfactory

Hastie: new manager

financial agreement, will play

Wales if the Irish Rugby

Football Union agrees to move

its international to November

23, thus leaving November 30

free for the touring side to play

in Cardiff. That would cost

Ireland the scheduled fixture

The accord with Australia

would mean that English

players touring with the Brit-

ish Isles in South Africa next

summer would move, virtual-

ly without stopping, straight

into national mode. The final match that the Lions play is in

with Munster.

five nations' disagreement. "This is a policy decision over something we have dis-cussed since the early 1980s." Morgan said. "We have long wanted greater exposure to the southern-hemisphere nations. We have sent A teams to Australia and New Zealand. an under-21 team to Australia and the introduction of the professional era, though coincidental, has helped accelerate

Johannesburg on July 5 and

there would, presumably, be a

brief hiatus before England

obligations.

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up their summe

The Australians would re-

turn to Twickenham in Nov-

ember or December next year. though Derek Morgan, chair-

man of the RFU national

emphasised that the fixtures

would not form part of a

broader championship, nor

were they a consequence of the

committee.

Plans for regular fixtures with New Zealand are already far advanced while the logistics surrounding games against South Africa are easier to put in place and can be expected to follow suit.

The new RFU playing schedule is designed to include the five nations' championship but, if the threatened sever ance takes place, the England players and supporters will still be guaranteed quality

Arthur Hastie was yester day confirmed as the new Scotland manager, replacing Jim Telfer, who will concentrate on his role as director of rugby. Telfer is also favourite to act as assistant coach to lan McGeechan for the Lions' tour

next summer. Hastie. 61, will also chair the panel of four selectors: the team coaches, Richie Dixon and David Johnston, the former international booker. Colin Fisher, and John Jeffrey, the former flanker, who takes such a role for the first time.



Ann Wild punches the air in triumph after Britain's 46-42 win over Germany in the basketball competition

Thatcher strikes gold after warm-up sprint

BY ALEX RAMSAY

NOEL THATCHER won Great Britain's fifteenth gold medal at the Paralympic Games in Atlanta on Tuesday night, winning the B2 10,000 metres final in a world record time of 32min 20,27sec. It was a busy night for Thatcher an hour before he had been drafted in at the last minute to run in the 4 x 100 metres relay. Robbie Latham had had to

pull out of the relay during the

warm-up with a hamstring

injury. Thatcher was going

through his final preparations on the warm-up track and was willing to fill the gap. It was hardly ideal especially as Thatcher has a stress fracture of the left shin.

However, once into the 10.000 metres, Thatcher, who prefers to run from the front, was able to hold off the challenge of Kikolski, from Poland. "I ran the first 18 laps feeling scared. I could sense that Kikolski was always behind me." Thatcher said. "It was like being stalked." His next medal chance comes in the 5,000 metres tomorrow -Thatcher is the world champion - and then, provided his

the marathon on Sunday. Melanie Easter, the swimmer, helped Britian to fourth place in the medals table. winning the B2 400 metres freestyle, beating the mighty Trischa Zorn, from the United States. Zorn is one of the greatest of the visually impaired swimmers and, on Sunday, won her fortieth Paralympic gold medal in a career stretching over 16 years. But, on Tuesday night, she could not match Easter, who took the gold in 5min 11:25sec. She did not know she had won until she asked someone the result as she got

out of the pool. In the shooting. Deanna

injury holds up, he will go for

Coates, from Camberley, won her third gold in her third Games, taking the standing air rifle title. Needing a score of 10.7 to win. Chates just snatched the medal with her final shot. While the athletes are

breaking records daily, the organisers in Atlanta are still struggling to get up to speed. In Barcelona, 1.5 million people watched the Games for free. In Atlanta, spectators have had to pay up to \$25 (£16.50) for admission with the result that the venues are at best half-full, at worst nearly empty. Attendances are improving gradually now that been dropped from \$15 to \$10.

Ruddles County Riddles. No. 10. Prime Suspect

Brian "Sharlock" Berry has a job in airport security at Stansted. Mostly it is routine

staff in England's green and pleasant land and David looks forward to that first flavoursome pist of Reddies

duty each evening.

County when he comes off

One day however if was different. "Sherlock" Berry got a tip from an animpeachable source that the lanch-time flight to Brussels

might very well contain a

bijacker. The flight was about to board but "Sharlock" ordered its immediate cancallation. The passengers wara dataisad is a bigb

security area while "Sharlock" studied the passeager fist. This includes two or three

family groups who were easy to oliminate, then 4 Euro MPs who ware more of a

problem. Others iscluded some frish basinessmen, an

American journalist, a French chaf and a Hinda priest.

"Skarlock's" instinctive suspicions were confirmed when the new searly starring betteedert mote steetaally served reast beaf sandwiches for lunch - which everyone ale, without exception and some even asked for more.

a. Who did "Sherlock" identify as the prime suspect and why?

b. Was he right to colobrata with an extra pint of Ruddles County that evening?



y. Jes, ef eppres. A: The blinds priest, Obviously a fake, He tree likeds seath out "secret" seat, sees, sees it starting.

No qualms, but an abundance of questions

measured by one's desire to on her wedding day; Rob dumped L talk about it next day, last night's Inside Story: Betrayal (BBCI) would be rated as the best thing in months. If you didn't see it, well, throw another log on the fire and settle down. James Cohen's anecdotal film was one of those modern-mores exposes -- the equivalent of an up-market women's magazine feature - a composite of four real-life stories told by the participants, which tolls a bell of moral mutrage and asks in a whisper "You can hear that, can't you?" The requisite multiplechoice questionnaire was missing. but it was implicit. After all, if the morally blank behaviour of these people seemed perfectly all right to you (Mostly As), then Betraval would be nothing, if you telt like weeping, and phoning people up to discuss the moral decline of private behaviour (Mostly Cs). Be-

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Caroline when he won the Lottery: Alex conducted an affair with his wife's sister in the marital home: Michelle took her friend's teenage son as a secret lover. Nasty little stories, actually, which nobody would be proud of - but the point of them all was not their ugliness, but the absolute, shocking absence of remorse shown in talking about them. Life's too short, these people said. If wives and husbands get hurt, you can't make an omelene without you know. Nigel realised he'd lost a friend by stealing his wife, but "That's the price of progress" he quipped, a jawdroppingly inapposite platitude he had presumably picked up watch-

ing Newsnight, When Carol took Alex away from her sister Janice, she had no compunction about it: "The only crime we committed was to fall in love." Huh. Janice discovered the

Nigel hetrayed his wife Marie affair while the three were on holiday in Spain with their combined families. They came home at once, of course, because Janice was devastated? Oh. no. "We got on with our holiday," said Carol. "That holiday in Spain was the best I've ever had," said Alex, matter-of-factly. The kids really enjoyed it. Carol really enjoyed it. and Janice enjoyed it up to a point." "What was going through Janice's mind?" said Carol, struck by this puzzling question from her imseen interviewer. "Well, I never asked her. So I don't know."

> The issues raised by a programme such as Betraval are numerous. Did the participants have any idea how callous they appeared? Were they encouraged to show bravado while privately racked with guilt? Somehow I doubt it. Rob dumped Caroline on receipt of his £1.4m Lottery win; his new girlfriend

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(Julie) promptly left her husband to be with him. She broke the news in the shower. Rob and Julie made a perfect couple, actually; so safe and tight inside their shield of self-

Truss

Now clearly Rob had no obligation to share his winnings with Caroline, even though she was the mother of his two children. But to hear Julie trash Caroline because

rightenusness that if hullets were

fired at them, they'd bounce.

"She's a bit rough, and I'm not. I think I've got more values than her" - made my eyes pop out of my head. The insults were far chain? and they both laugh. worse than the injuries. "Rob has treated Caroline more than fair," she declared. "If it had been me, I wouldn't have given her half as much." Meanwhile Caroline — the woman with fewer values, apparently - summed up her own feelings about the outcome. "It just showed Rob had never really loved me," she said, simply. It certainly did that.

In the absence of that pesky questionnaire - which somehow cries aloud for inclusion at this point, doesn't it? I've got a pen ready and everything - I just keep wondering why anybody in television production bothers to make mural-choice drama any more, if the audience includes people such as Nigel and Debbie and Alex and Carol and Rob and Julie, What

she lived on a council estate - does this lot make of The Politi- standpoint, the specialist round cian's Wife, then? Juliet Stevenson Winners and losers, that's all there is. That's the way the progress crumbles. That's the price of

> aturally, last night's other programmes paled along-side such vivid stuff. BBCl's Mastermind is something I hadn't seen in a while, and something I could safely assume was unwatched by Nigel and Debbie and Alex and Carol and Rob and Julie. Little had changed. It was good to see that "civil servant" and "local authority official" are still considered sufficient description for the contenders; also that grey-blue V-necks still denote

But what more can be said? From the audience participaton was as boring as ever: if you don't know the Greek vocabulary of beekeepers' equipment, there's little point guessing "Hoody netty thing!". But I'm sure I spotted a new tactic from the male contenders, which is to snap the answers back so rapidly that only Magnus Magnusson (and possibly some varieties of dog) can catch them. "Correct!" says Magnus, which only rubs it in.

Last night's winner scored 35 points, but all I heard him say was Bnn" and "Fggt" and "Clwt". Momentarily he slipped out of fifth gear when he didn't know the name for the north-south bit of a cruciform church, at which point the rest of us got a chance. "Hoorah!" I yelled, "Transept!" In the absence of scoring mostly Cs ("You should get out more and stop vorrying about other people's feelings"), at least it was something concrete to cling on to.

6.00am Business Breakfast (16280) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelas) (36613) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelar)

traval was very good indeed.

9.20 Do You Want a Smack? (3/7) (7326532) 9.50 Gourmet Ireland (s) (5760532) 10.20 Burke's Backyard (r) (7877984)

10.50 News and Weather (Ceelax) (5006006) 10.55 Cricket - Third Test, Coverage of the lirst day of the final Test, at the Oval, between England and Pakistan (s) (5960445)

12.00 News and Weather (Ceelax) (1469648) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (s) (4622551) 12.35 Neighbours (Caefax) (s) (5460754) 1.00 News and Weather (Ceelax) (31700) 1.30 Regional News(45664342)

1.35 Cricket - Third Test (s) (73819025) 5.35 Neighbours. Jen turns to art, Hannah hides out from school (r) (Ceetax) (s) (707006)

6.00 News and Weather (Ceetax) (377) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (629)

7.00 Holidays Out, Kirsty Young and Ben Hall present more ideas for days out and weekends in the summer months. (Ceelax) (s) (6919)

7.30 EastEnders. It's time for Mark to allay some tears (Ceelax) (s) (613) 8.00 Back to the Wild. Patrick Robinson goes

behind the scenes at the RSPCA's wildlife hospital in Somerset (5667) 8.30 Auntie's Sporting Bloomers. The peris that lie between the starting tape and the winner's rostrum occupy Terry Wogan in the last of the series. Also included is the

best of BBC's Top 40 own goals. Alastair

McGowan is the special guest (Ceetax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (2984)

9.30 Yea, Prime Minister. Classic political sit-com, as PM Jim Hacker tussles with the headed by Sir Humphrey Appleby With Derek Fowlds (r) (Ceetax) (39445)

10.00 Defence of the Resimination Harrier Force. One Fights Squadron is the oldest military flying unit in the world. This film follows 18 of the finest jet pilots as they prepare for action (Caelax) (s) (819735)

10.55 You Decide. Jaremy Paxman invites a studio audience to debate a topical issue, with a live phone poll at the end of the show (s) (335358)

11.45 FILM: Framed (1990). Quirky comedy in which an art forger finds himself embrolled in blackmail and torgery by his duplicatous girlfriend. Wiley has spent two years in a French jail after being betrayed by the beautiful Kate. Upon his release he moves to LA and he runs into ... Kate her trail and a plan to get seriously rich But can Wiley trust her a second time? With Jeff Goldblum, Knstin Scott-Thomas, Todd Graff, Abdul Salaam, El Razasc, Michael Lerner and James Hong. Directed by Dean Pariscot (Ceetax) (s) (291938)

1.10em-1.15 Weather (8227061)

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7.30 The Brollys (9311731) 7.45 Lassie (1648667) 8.10 Smuris' Adventures (5242990) 8.35 Cartoon Critters (9589993) 9.05 Spiderman (2706174) 9.25 The Village by the Sea (7332193) 9.50 Puppydog Tales (3930358)

10.00 Playdays (7977938) 10.25 Man in a Suitcase (2649358) 11.15 The Addems Family (8370174) 11.40 The Pink Panther Show (8175367)

12.00 Cricket — Third Test (s) (36358) 1.00pm The Brollys (45779193) 1.15 A-Z of Food (24791990) 1.25 Menus and Music (45685700) 1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceelax) (8829551) 2.20 Crawshaw Paints Oils (87192716) 2.45

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Newsround (Ceelax) (3776311) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (Ceelax) (4005071) 5.35 Cricket — Third Test (s) (5242700) 6.40 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. Buck is on trial for his life after being blamed for the nuclear disaster that

wiped out the Earth (r) (749629) 7,30 Paralympics. Day six from Atlanta includes athletics, swimming and the closing stages of the basketball (342071) 8,15 Star Trekkers. Patnck Moore expresses his admiration for Mr Spock (s) (919280) 8.20 Student Choice 96. How to manage studies and what to do if things do not

work out (a) (907445) 8.30 The Street. Kirsty Young and her team visit Wednesbury Road, Welsait. (Ceefax) (s) (2716)



Sophie Campbell in Corsica (9.00pm

9.00 The Travel Show. Arthur Smith visits Latvia, and Sophia Campbell ventures inland on the Island of Corsica (s) (6754) 9.30 Dark Secret: No Hard Feelings. (3/6) Three men visit the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield to receive treatment for impotence (Ceelax) (s) (37087)

10.00 Hancock (b/w), Hancock discovers that the council will renovate his house only it he can prove somebody tamous lived there (r) (Ceelax) (20209) Followed by 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (871735)

11.15 Cricket — Third Test (5) (383700) 12.00 Grace Under Fire (83014) 12.30am Open University: A Question of Identity (60694) 1.30 Modern Art (90236) 2.00 Summer Nights (84859) 4.00 Languages: Buongiomo Italia/Quinze

Inside Out: A Heart for Jo Channel 4, 3,00pm

Juanne, 13, is a Down's syndrome child in need of a heart and lung transplant. The surgery is available but it seems no ductor in Britain is prepared to try it. Again and again we watch Jo's mother, the dauntless Marion, pinning down British experts to ask why. Most start by patronising her thut not for lung) and, interestingly, end up disagreeing with each other. But whatever reasons they offer the overall response is still the same: Down's? Forget it. In America, Marion meets Sandra Jenson, the first but so far only person with Down's to have had the operation and survived with flying colours. Money, morals (shouldn't "normal" patients get priority when there is a shortage of donor organs?) and much else go into this story. Meanwhile bubbly, likeable Jo and her tireless mum go on fighting.

Channel 4, 8_Opm if you liked the late lamented Desmand's and the follow-up series starring Ram John Holder as the laid-back, pork pie-hatted pensioner — then you will welcome this new lot. Porkpie has, you'll recall, won £10 not. Porkpie has, you'r recan, won to million in the lottery — such "wins" are beginning to spin off television material in all directions — and tonight he returns from Guyana, where news of his status has brought "claimants" hummering on his door. These include one Sexy Sheila the Potato Peeler and a duffer with a pork-pie hat of his non who insists he is his son. It has hat of his own who insists he is his son. It has to be admitted, though, that user-friendly as old Porkpie is it's his driver and general factorum Benji (Derek Griffiths) who raises most of the laughs. The opening scene, with Benji manipulating a traffic jam to music as he tries to reach Heathrow, is delightful.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

If the title gives you a sense of dejd vu it's because the programme was withdrawn at the last minute (on July 13) out of deference to the American air crash. It's a tale of Cold War industrial spying writ large: how the Soviets, in the late 1960s, caught up with what they knew would be the world's first supersonic passenger jet — Concorde, an Anglo-French co-operative venture — and how this spying, and the triumphant creation of the Soviets' own Concorde, the TU144 (beating ours by a nose) led to the death of six Soviet aircrew and eight French bystanders at the Paris Air Show of 1973. Until now the terrible crash of the TU144 has never been satisfactorily explained. This documentary has a brave stab at it. producing an extraordinary thriller complete with a twist at the end.

Defence of the Realm: Harrier Force BBC1, 10.00pm

"This sounded great — you know, up and down. Now I wouldn't fly any other way." That's one pilot's view of the remarkable Harrier jump jet, but this programme is more interested in the plane's bombing capabilities and what it's like to be a "top gun" in One Fighter Squadron, the world's oldest military flying unit. "We want to kill people as fast as we possibly can," says one. "Is there still a code of honour?" asks reporter Peter Taylor. "I doubt it — not even to shooting down parachutes." The words "Happy bombing" are scrawled on the noticeboard as Squadron One takes off on a 6.00am GMTV (4812648) 9.25 Halteray Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletert) (s) (7336919) 9.50 Hope and Gloria (5682700) 10.20 ITN News (Teletexti (5036358) 10.25 Regional News (Teletext) (5087629)

10.30 Danielle Steel's Kaleidoscope. Drama about three sisters who were separated as children but reunted 30 years later (r) Directed by Sandor Stern (40348700)

12.20pm Regional News (1458532) 12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (6456551) 12.55 Shortland Street (6368342) 1.25 Coronation Street (6125342) 2.00 Home and Away (87109006)

2.25 FiLM: Trading Hearts (1988). Romantic a singer mother. Directed by Neil Leiter (1210254)

3.20 ITN News (1555396) 3.25 Regiona News (1554667)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (9213303) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (s) (3763648) 3.50 Molly's Gang (r) (s) (1118939) 4.05 Animaniacs (r) (Teletext) (s) (9468764) 4.20 Bizzing Dragons (Teletext) (s) (2877629) 4.45 The Scoop (1095603)

5.10 A Country Practice (5409667) 5.40 ITN News and weather (590803) 6.00 Home and Away (796551) 5.25 Regional News (954484)

7.00 Emmerdale. Chris thinks the answer to his prayers is overseas (1087)
7.30 The Big Story: Britain's Loet Children. Dermot Murnaghan goes on the trail of foreign fathers who have snatched their children away from their British mothers

8.00 The Bill: Junior. A laenage boy turns informer to help Beech to bust a car-ring



Comedian Fraddle Starr (8.30pm)

8.30 The Freddie Starr Show (6342) 9.00 HeartBeat; An American Aldenstield. A stranger arrives in the village (1551)

10,00 ITN News at Ten and weather (17735) 10.30 Regional News (Telelext) (438667) 10.40 Crimestoppers Special presented by Bruce Hockin (893006)

11.10 Great Western Women: Visimush Morn

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2.35 Flux (8494217) 2,35 Late and Loud (r) (1114976)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place: Ghods (r) (s)

5,00 Grass Floots (r) (36052) 5.30 ITN Morning News (11897)

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4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (822) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s.) (8575687) 5.45 The Watchmaker (597716) 6.00 Eerie, Indians (r). (Teletaxt) (777) 6.30 Boy Meets World (Teletext) (s) (964025) 6.55 Fresh Pop (469700)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (356193) 7.80 The Slot (314551)



Jo with mother Marion (8,00pm)

3.00 inside Out. Thirteen-year-old Joanne Harris is dying. She needs a heart and lung transplant, but no transplant centre in Britain will accept Jo (Teletext) (8377)

8.30 Porkple. The return of the comedy series about a lottery winner, Porkpie, played by Ram John Holder (Teletext) (4984)

8.00 Secret History: Konkordeki.
A look at the conspiracy of silence surrounding the crash in 1973 at the Paris Air Show of the Soviet rival to the

10.00 FILM: The Duchess and the Director Fox (1976). A comedy western starring George Segal, Roy Jenson and Goldla Hawn. A bungling gambler becomes involved with outlaws, Mormons, a Jewish wedding and assorted comic misedventures when a saloon girl steals the money he has atolen from a gang Directed by Melvin Frank (Teletext)

12.00 Adult Ricki (Teletext) (s) (4476859) 12.45am Kids in the Half (r). (Teletext) (s)

1.15 Beavis and Butthead (r) (s) (52507) 1.45 Let the Blood Run Free (r) (51878) 2.15 FiLM: Oil for the Lamps of China (1935, b/w) starring Pat O'Brien, An

American working for a big oil company in China allows his enthusiasm tor his work to affect his personal life. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy (940656). Ends at 4.00

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THURSDAY AUGUST 22 1996

Oval pitch could cost Croft his place as England try to draw series with Pakistan

Twin spin attack may be put out to grass

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND have won only one of their past 18 Test matches against Pakistan and there can be no confidence that this record will improve with the task that confronts them at the Oval today, "We have to search for a way to take 20 wickets," Michael Atherton, the captain, said, which was stating not only the obvious but also the improbable.

Bowling standards remain indifferent throughout the English game and a dispassionate assessment of the attacks in this final Test would strongly suggest that, if England do manage to take 20 wickets, Pakistan will do likewise, only more quickly.

Yet, with victory essential to square this disappointingly brief Cornhill series, an optimist could identify reasons for hope. England have won three times at the Oval in the 1990s, on each occasion when behind in a series. Pakistan, although requiring only a draw, have no heart for the negative and

Umpires: M.J.Khohen and B.C.Cooray (Sn.Lanka) "TV replays: J.C. Belderstone Weather: Bright start, rain in evening: TV: 89C1 10.55-12.00 (88C2 12.00-1.00, 88C1 1.35-5.35 (88C2 5.35-6.40 Vightights 88C2 11.15-12.00

may yet self-destruct. Finally. and for the last time, there is

Throughout his 40 years in cricket, Raymond Illingworth has had the capacity to overturn odds, often through sheer obstinacy. It would be in character if he ended his tenure as chairman of selectors with a victory and an unbeaten summer with which to disarm the appreciable to wish him good riddance.

number whose inclination is Illingworth, however, has become increasingly marginthe team is likely to increase.

Gooch, left, and Lloyd discuss England's strategy

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OVAL TEST MATCH DETAILS

alised, not least through his own brooding disaffection with the game and its administrators. On recent evidence, his presence could not be guaranteed even if a valedic-

manded on Monday. He did not appear at the ground yesterday, leaving the talking and planning to captain, coach and fellow selector. Graham Gooch, who had a longer bowl in the nets than most of those who will be charged with taking the wickets today, and generally bus-ied himself in the manner of one whose involvement with

tory lap of honour were de-

David Lloyd, the coach, was as noncommittal as Atherton when it came to nominating the player who will miss out in England's eventual XI, but he did confirm that the character of the pitch had altered since the start of the week. By yesterday, presumably with more watering and less mowing, it had lost some of its hardness and gained a touch

Atherton gave it a long, hard look, and even bowled an exploratory leg break before reporting: "It's not as hard as some we have seen here and it has a bit more grass." As it was also covered against the midday sun, it may not have quite the anticipated pace, certainly for the opening sessions, when England will

hope to be batting.
The presence of even token grass, as opposed to bareness and cracks, may also dissuade England from the quantum leap to two spin bowlers, having fielded none at all at Headingley. Robert Croft was understandably fretting yesterday as his Test debut hung in the balance, but it will be a surprise if his off spin is not

one of four seam bowlers.

This would be a shame, for the rare presence of five specialist bowlers on what will be, essentially, a sound pitch. should encourage the use of old-fashioned balance. Ian Salisbury, who is certain to play his ninth Test, would also profit from having Croft's

steadiness in support. Alec Stewart spent part of the practice session keeping wicket to the two spinners, but most of it conducting a bewil-dering number of interviews in which, by his own admis-sion, he used a lot of words to say very little. It is no secret that he would rather not be lumbered with the gauntlets again just when his batting has run into prime form, but he is not going to rock the

Stewart is aware that he averages 47 in Test cricket when allowed to concentrate exclusively on his batting and only 25 when he keeps wicket. He is also unhappy about the possibility that a long stint in

John Woodcock Tough day for Lord's 39

the field would necessitate a drop down the order. But he is looked pretty unlikely as re-

One matter was settled yesterday, and it left Atherton decidedly cross. He contrived the third time in succession. which means the entire series will have been played with the Reader balls favoured by the Pakistanis for their tendency to reverse swing. "I don't know why we offer the opposition the choice." he said. other country would."

Armed with a Reader, and on a ground he may still consider his second home. Wagar Younis is the most likely match-winner. Pakistan decide whether to include Mohammad Akram as a third seamer, or Saglain Mushtag as a second spinner. but they will certainly have only four main bowlers and probably recall Rashid Latif because he is a superior wicketkeeper to Moin Khan. Now, there's a novel principle.

ble four goals to qualify and.

although they had the courage

to maintain a smooth rhythm.

Rangers were free to relax.

Albertz, frequently tormented

by Revishvili, was admittedly

less content than most and

crosses from the Russian did

demand desperate challenges

and excellent goalkeeping, but

Rangers were still composed enough to extend their lead in

Perhaps relieved to step

outside his own half. Albertz

curled a meticulous cross on to

the head of McCoist, who

finished neatly, Within a

minute, the vigorous Yanovski

had demonstrated his own

defiant spirit by lashing a goal

home from 20 yards, but Vladikavkaz would have re-

quired a battery of such fire-

yesterday invited Frank Skin-

ner and David Baddiel, the

comedians, to become in-

volved again with the nat-

ional team - on the eve of the

naming by Glenn Hoddle, the

England coach, of his first

led, and Alan Stubbs, now of

Hoddle believes that Skin-

ner and Baddiel, composers

of the Three Lions anthem.

popularly known as Foot-

ball's Coming Home, which

galvanised Terry Venables's

team during the European

championships, can help to recreate the atmosphere of the

power to after the course of the

the thirteenth minute.



Croft practises in the Oval nets yesterday, hoping to book his place in the third and final Test, which starts today

McCoist leads Rangers rout of defenceless Russian champions

Skinner and Baddiel

Alania Vladikavkaz2 Rangers . (Rangers win 10-3 on agg)

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN VLADIKAVKAZ

THERE is always a risk that Soldier's shoulder-bag (8) education will prove uncom-2 Absurdly complicated (confortable, but Rangers made traption) (5.8) the experience excruciating for Alania Vladikavkaz last night. Harmony: to bestow (6) With a McCoist hat-trick in the first 17 minutes, the Scot-6 Theme song (9.4) tish champions sauntered through to the Champions' Boring person (4) Have emotions; touch (4) League phase of the European 13 Swinging bob on thread (8) Cup while the Russians dis-

covered that a carefree approach can prove costly. After six matches, Vladikav-kaz have still to record a win in European competition, despite their dashing attacks, and, if Rangers themselves have been accused in the past of being novices. Walter Smith's team was full of wisdom on this occasion. It also offered evidence of Smith's belief that his team can compete at the highest level, that his players have individual talents and the slick understanding that gives those skills their maxi-

mum effect. The entire tie, already leaning Rangers way after the Scots won the first leg 3-1, was settled - in stunning fashion after 36 seconds of the return. Laudrup prevented Sheliya from making a challenge and Cleland, reading the Dane's intentions, set off on an overlapping run to collect the pass. From the right, the full back picked out McCoist, leaving him to finish with a vigorous header. It was a perfect execution of the plans Rangers had made for this

Vladikavkaz realised then

top Hoddle's list first Wembley game against Poland on October 9.

style was a far more reliable

again in the eighteenth

minute. Timoteev was clumsy

in his control, allowing van

Vossen to take possession,

sprint on and slip a careful

pass through to provide McCoist with his hat-trick, the

second he has scored in five

After 23 minutes, Vladikav-

kaz did summon up another

goal. Suleimanov converting

from the penalty spot after

Albertz had fouled Revishvili,

but Rangers' counter-attack-ing was still far too astute for

the Russians. With five min-

utes of the first half left.

McCall's service invited van

Vossen to round the goalkeep-er and give Rangers a 4-2 lead.

pect of the game removed,

With every competitive as-

The FA is also attempting to sign a showbusiness celebrity to lead the singing of the National Anthem. If it's possible to recreate the mursquad, to play Moldavia — which could include David Beckham of Manchester Univellous atmosphere we saw at Euro 96 it would be a huge boost to the team and myself," Hoddle said. "We want the noise, the flags, the passion."

First. however. Hoddle faces a trip to the Black Sea for the Moldavia World Cup qualifying match on September I. Injuries in what was the Euro % squad have created vacancies, with Tony Adams, David Platt and Paul Gascoigne all doubtful.

do other than indulge in some elegant, untroubled football, punctured by the occasional goal. The first of those - and fifth of the evening - came ten minutes after the restart, a fine passing move involving Petric and van Vossen ending with Laudrup adding an assured finish. The Dane scored once more in the 83rd minute before setting up the final goal of the evening for the substi-ture. Miller, four minutes

Before this tie began in Glasgow a fortnight ago. Smith had scoffed at the very idea that his side could dismiss the Russian champions. Last night, however, that is exactly what they achieved and, in the process, they indicated that the club could be on the verge of claiming new status for itself. A year ago, in the Champions League. Rangers were frequently embarrassed, particularly by Juventus, the eventual European Cup-winners, but a great deal has changed since

The restriction on foreign players has been removed and the Scottish champions no longer have the handicap of selecting from a limited population of five million. In this game, they began with live non-nationals in the team and the total will be swelled by the addition of Gascoigne. Rangers' new strength was reflected in this astounding display.

ALAMA VLADIKAVKAZ (3-5-3: Z Klupov — O Komenko (sub V Skish, 78min), 5 Finolese, M. Shohya, — Z Reustwik, O Tendeze I Vistanov I Kanouski, R Todiev (sub AAgraw 28 sub O Sirigiev, 55) — A Kurstwi N Suleimanov

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West case police join Belgians in paedophile hunt

FROM ROGER BOYES IN CHARLEROI

THE Belgian police appeared to be floundering yesterday in their attempts to round up a paedophile network, despite and theories and leads offered by child-sex analysts as far away as South Africa.

Superintendent John Bennett of the Gloucestershire constabulary travelled yesterday to Neufchateau to offer his experience in tracking down child murderers Fred and Rosemary West. But despite the superficial parallels - a husband and wife team preying on runaway children and burying corpses in their garden - the Belgian case seems to be in a different dimension.

The Belgian police are testing the theory as to whether chief suspect, Marc Dutroux, and his wife could really have acted within a closed circle like the Wests or wheth-Ar a much wider, international connection is inevitable," a source close to the police said. That, rather than physical search techniques, seems to be what the Belgians want to learn from the British.

But there is no mistaking the confusion and nervousness of the police, who are under public pressure. The funeral of the two murdered eight-year-old girls is today and about 50,000 mourners are expected in Liège.

The Belgian media have highlighted the reports of an informant who tipped off the police as early as 1992, shortly after Dutroux's premature release from a 13-year jail term for child rape. The informant said Dutroux was redesigning a cellar "with the aim of holding children there until they are sent abroad".

The police ignored the information. Three years later the report was passed to prosecutors investigating the disappearance of the two eight-yearolds who were eventually dug up in Dutroux's garden. Again the tip was set aside.

"Criminal incompetence." Dernière Heure said yesterday. "Everything was known but nothing was done, " said Le Soir. An inquiry riddled with holes," cried Libre Belgique.

There appeared to be two problems: the first is that the police have never accepted that there is organised paeduphilia in Belgium. The second is that police are not used to conducting international inquiries. This lack of experience is becoming obvious.

Police seemed unsure yesterday, for example, how to deal with a South African initiative. Reggie Marimuthu, director of the South African Police, has found similarities between the Belgian scandal and a Pretoria case in which five runaway girls were linked to a paedophile. The South Africans said they were prepared to go to Belgium "if there is evidence of some kind of an international ring".

The vulnerability of the case in Belgium is that it depends too heavily on the confessions of Dutroux, Only he has given substantial information so far. It was Dutroux - a 39-yearold electrician described vari-ously as "highly intelligent" or "devious" — who led the police to the graves in his garden. He denies killing the two girls and blames the murder on an accomplice. In a fit of anger, he has told the police, he killed the accomplice and buried

him along with the children, There is no sound way of checking Dutroux's story. Much of the theory about international connection depends on whether one believes Duiroux's story that he abducted two teenagers in Ostend in order to sell them abroad. Others arrested in the case, including Dutroux's sec-ond wife, Michelle Martin, and Jean-Michel Nihoul, a Brussels estate agent, are de-

nying everything. The police are pursuing three main lines of inquiry. First they are digging into the sources of Dutroux's wealth. His ownership of 11 houses and flats in Belgium may eventually produce a trail leading to a wealthy accomplice. Second, they are cross-checking every missing girl in Belgium as well as recent cases of Dutch runaways. Third, they are searching Dutroux's properties for signs that children were hidden

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Three boys point at the German Konrad Jecht during a press conference in Manila yesterday. They accused him of sexually molesting them

How the sex tourists evade justice

63-YEAR-OLD German was arrested yesterday ac-cused of sexually molesting Filipino boys in a gymnasium he had built north of Manila.

The detention of Konrad Jecht, an engineer from Munich, was evidence of tougher action by the Philippines against tourists suspected of child sex offences.

The authorities are encouraged, perhaps, by Germany. Australia and Sweden which have put in place legislation to prosecute and sentence paedophiles after they return home. Britain has been considering similar moves. But the problem facing the Stockholm Congress on child sex next week is that even the combination of better police work abroad and prosecution at home is insufficient: the trade has become too strong, and too tempting for countries crippled by poverty.
Four hundred thousand

Germans fly to Third World destinations for sex every year. The German Justice Ministry estimates that at least 5,000 of them are deliberately looking for sex with children under the age of 13. The German law.

Tougher laws will deter some paedophiles but Third World poverty will ensure that sex tourism continues to flourish, Roger Boyes writes

courts to prosecute the socalled "sex tourists". But the problems of gathering evidence in a foreign country and finding witnesses, has blunted the effect of the legislation. So far only one German, in

Bavaria, has been jailed, receiving an eight-month sus-pended sentence. Sweden which has a similar law, sentenced a 63-year-old man to three months' prison for having sex with a 13-year-old

The main centres of child sex tourism, according to documents prepared for the Stockholm conference, are Sri Lanka, Thailand, the Philip-pines and Cambodia. "If

you're looking for adventure, Cambodia is it right now."

declares the sleazy World Sex

Guide on the Internet. It adds

a press report that in Phnom

Penh, "a six-year-old is available for three dollars". Paedophile clubs are also beginning to show strong interest in Poland, Romania and The Dutch-based Child "Dutch

Rights group claims that paedophiles have started their own sex resorts in Romania and Poland". The Dutch campaigners have also registered the case of "a little Polish boy, invited last Christmas to Amsterdam, who was drugged, tied to a bed within a sexually abused for a video recording"

The scale of child prostitu-tion is huge. In Thailand officials say the number is around 100,000. In the Philippines there are said to be between 40,000 and 60,000 two-thirds of them boys. In Sri Lanka the child prostitutes are

almost all boys — around 30,000 so-called "beach boys". The number of child prostitutes has kept pace with modern tourism. Package tours from Düsseldorf to Sri Lanka cost around £800 for ten or 12 days, only slightly more expensive than a trip to

None of the countries targeted by paedophiles wants to scare away tourists. According to Germany's Family Ministry, 50-70 per cent of male German tourists go to Thailand for sex; and every second German tourist to the Philippines is looking for a sexual

few days of his arrival and contact. The demand for child sex is growing partly because of the fear of Aids. Sex tourists are turning to children because they believe, incor-rectly, they will not be infect-ed. In the small north Thai town of Chiang Rai. 100 to 120 new HIV-infected children are being registered every month.

The fear of Aids has switched the paedophile focus back to European children. It has also helped to concentrate the minds of the German authorities. The Germans are not the only offenders -Britons, Australians, Swedes, Americans (who have the biggest paedophile network). Koreans and Japanese are all involved. But the Germans are trying most energetically to solve the legal problem. Sex tourism looks set to

boom in the 21st century. Already Taiwanese investors are negotiating to build a sex tourism resort in Vietnam. Perhaps they should meet the young prostitute from Olongapo in the Philipppes who told a German television team last month: "At ten years old you are grown up, at 20 you are an old woman, at 30 you are

PROFILE OF A SEX TOURIST

Dr Dagmar Heine-Weldenmann, in a report of all German sex tourists are married. One for the German Ministry of Justice, found that there were four basic types of child sex tourists: The "globetrotter" has sex with under-age prostitutes because it is part of an exotic

The "sex consumer" finds that Asian child prostitutes are good value for money. In Germany he might have to spend weeks of courtship before going to bed with a woman. A That prostitute is cheap and does not give the impression that she is having sex with him for money. Child prostitutes are preferred since they are young and relatively innocent.

☐ The "inadequate". Many sex tourists have problems relating to women; they are often lonely and have not had a proper relationship

respondent questioned by Dr Weidenmann said: "I was married for 20 years, then divorced, after that I had almost all negative experiences. I had to catch up with my youth; I was 12 years old when the war ended, I didn't have a childhood." Now this man is looking for his childhood with girls. ☐ The "pseudo husband". These are Germans

who spend a month of their holidays every year with the same child prostitute. Her parents are paid and the customer describes his sex holiday as a kind of "development aid". The girl lives with him and washes his clothes. The man feels generous and safe from Aids.

Similar types exist in homosexual paedophilia, according to Sri Lankan prosecu-

6 The sleazy World Sex Guide on the Internet reports that Cambodia is the place for adventure and that in Phnom Penh a six-year-old is available for three dollars 9 Most exercisers only

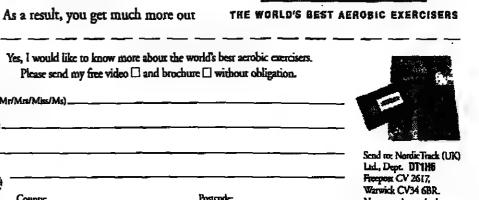
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Good news for older mums



Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on pregnancy in older women; the way forward for HRT; attack of the summer cold sores; President Yeltsin's search for a surgeon and why celery can be bad for you

s Koo Stark likely to feel more, or less, sexy after she has had her baby in six months' time? How will her reaction to this and all the other problems of pregnancy, delivery, and caring for a baby compare with those of a younger woman who is also having a first baby? Will her labour be more difficult as a result of being older, and will her feelings about the baby be altered by her age — and what about her nights? Will she find that she is more disturbed by a child than a 22-year-old mother would be?

Although Ms Stark will be over 40 when her baby is born, she won't be sailing into uncharted waters. Earlier this year two psychologists. Dr Julia Berry-

man and Dr Kate Wind-ridge, who had been funded by Nestle, published the results of a lour-and-a-half year study carried out in Leicester on motherhood after the age of 35.

Their research is an exhaustive but fascinating survey which has investigated every aspect of life in pregnancy, in labour, and in the child's first year of life. It contrasts the physical problems and emotional reactions experienced by women of different ages and parity.

Ms Stark is not alone as an older mother; births to mothers aged over 40 have increased by 50 per cent in the past ten years. The actress Patricia Hodge, for example, gave birth to her son when she was 42. The average age of mothers having new babies is constantly increasing, and has now reached 29.1 years. This trend is likely to continue and be reproduced in later generations for the Leicester psychologists have shown that older mothers and fathers tend to have parents who also started their families

Most of the research would be very encouraging to Ms Stark and all other older mothers. Although the factors which might pose a possible threat to a straightforward pregnancy and delivery were noted more often in the older age groups at their first ante-natal visit, most of these threatened troubles usually never materialised. The length of pregnancy related more to the number of previous babies she had had than to her age. Surprisingly, the number of assisted deliveries whether by forceps, ventouse (suction), or Caesarean section was the same, and there was no difference to the amount of anaesthesia they needed. Even the likelihood of having an episiotomy

was related to the number of previous babies and not to the mother's age. Throughout delivery older women were much more concerned and anxious about their babies' health than younger ones and were less critical and more grateful to the staff. Fortunately, any worries about the baby were usually happily resolved after the birth, for older women's babies

in the Leicester survey were just as healthy as those of younger women. There were no differences in the percentages of boys and girls born to older women but the survey did show that there was, regardless of age, a significantly increased chance of having a boy when the mother had had previous children.

The emotional effects of pregnancy and of the baby during its first year of life do vary according to the age of

the mother. Older women are less likely to be upset by their appearance in late pregnancy, possibly because they were more pleased to be pregnant than a younger person. Regardless of age, most women found pregnancy to be both a happy and exciting time, although the older woman was likely to resent the demands of housework. In fact, research showed that they had more support in the

house than the younger patients.

Women of all ages worry about the effects pregnancy and a new baby will have on their relationship with their partner and on life in their homes. There is some justification for this. All mothers were proud of having given birth: 70 per cent were not disappointed in general by motherhood and 94 per cent enjoyed looking after their babies. Most of the older first-time mothers found life more difficult with a baby than they had expected, and were slightly less likely to enjoy breast-feeding. Older women were elv to exis time the woman spent in labour was ness, the majority had stress incontinence overall relationship with their partners.



Koo Stark is not alone: births to mothers over 40 have increased by 50 per cent in the past ten years

Women's sex lives, it seems, are not

after delivery, and many suffered pains in

Looking for benefits of HRT without cancer drawbacks

ALTHOUGH women expect to find in their postmenopausal years that they can no longer reach the higher shelves in their kitchens, a recent Gallup poll has shown that only 13 per cent understand the physiological basis of osteoporosis which has caused their loss of height. This progressive

process starts in middle age. although its foundations may well have been laid many years earlier by a diet grossly deficient in calcium, or a demanding athletic schedule which inhibited ovulation. HRT not only prevents osteoporosis but has a beneficial effect on the coronary arteries and also, it now seems, on the brain; women taking HRT

Although HRT reduces the risk of heart disease by 60 per cent for as long as it is being taken, it does minimally increase the chance of breast cancer. Fosamax, a new bisphosphonate drug, strengthens the bones without affecting

the breasts, but probably lacks the advantages of HRT on the coronary circulation. Now there are reports that another group of

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preparations, the selective oestrogen receptor modulators (Serms), may preserve the bones and keep the coronary arteries youthful without risk to the breasts or uterus. Raioxifene may even reduce the likelihood of breast cancer, although Eli Lilly, the manufacturer, says the drug will not be available for a few years.

When hot lights lead to cold sores

are less likely to suffer from

Alzheimer's.

THE recent hot weather has produced the usual crop of cold sores. Usually by the time they are bad enough to warrant a visit to the doctor, it is too late to do anything about them. With herpes, whether oral or genital, the secret of successful treatment is to start it when the first signs and symptoms of an attack are noticed. Tablets taken at this stage will often prevent the appearance of sores. Prophylactic treatment. taking tablets regularly, will also keep attacks at bay in those who are vulnerable to them.

in most patients, oral herpes are an unsightly nuisance, but in the film or TV world, they can cause huge losses by prolonging whole unit. An attack of

herpes usually takes ten to 14 days to clear, and during this time actors who have them refuse to be filmed. Many actors who are subject to cold sores now take acyclovir Zovirax constantly, particularly if the film is to be shot in a hot

climate. Zovirax, one 200mg tablet taken four times a day, prevents attacks of either oral or genital herpes, but it is expensive, and it is easy to forget to take a tablet.

A newer preparation, Vaitrex, has advantages over Zovirax because it is cheaper, it is absorbed better, and can therefore be taken in smaller doses and less often. Once an attack has started, a 500mg tablet of Valtrex is taken twice a day for five days. Although not yet licensed for regular treatment to prevent herpes. many doctors are prescribing one a day for this purpose. Valtrex in bigger doses is also a treatment of choice for shingles.

Yeltsin's dilemma of the heart

usually improved by pregnancy and childbirth. But while pregnant older women seemed keener on their partners President Yeltsin's heart disease continues to than the younger ones did. After delivery, the loss of enthusiasm for sex was most marked in the older age group, possibly cause concern, because because of the excessive tiredness they felt. it is impossible to believe that Fortunately, although 64 per cent of all the heart muscle will have women said that their approach had survived so many episodes The question being asked is: where will the President have cardiac treatment?

When Mr Brezhnev, one of Mr Yeltsin's predecessors, developed a heart block, dizzy turns and occasional blackouts became a problem. Correct diagnosis was made by the Russian cardiologist who had analysed the situation perfectly. However, their lead-er spurned local talent and flew in a team from America to install the necessary pacemaker. The Americans did their old adversary proud, and fitted the most efficient machine on the market. The very complexity of the pace-maker alarmed the KGB, whose medical advisers had never seen one like it, and were convinced it might incorporate a device that would allow the Americans to switch off Mr Brezhnev's heart from

a distance, should he ever become too great a nuisance. It would be possible to fly in cardiac team to fit a pacemaker, but this would not be desirable if cardiac surgery were needed. Good surgery is achieved by adopting a multi-disciplinary approach. The surgeons, cardiologists, anaesthetists and pathologists are always inevitably involved, but chest physicians, nephrologists and other speci-

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Mr Yeltsin at a conference: will be seek treatment in London?

alists should also be on hand in case of complications. People with infinite power and a bottomless purse tend to go to Ohio's Cleveland Clinic

or the Texas Heart Institute in Houston. In Cleveland, the famous surgeon, René Favaloro, has now virtually retired but his place has been taken on the international stage by Dr Floyd Loop. In Texas, the great man is Dr Michael Debakey, who is still the dominant figure. Both centres could carry out either a trans-

f Mr Yeltsin wanted to stay in Europe, he could once have gone to Dr Charles Hahn in Switzerland. another member of the old brigade whose influence is still important, and who helped to establish both Geneva und Zürich as first-class international cardiac centres. In Paris, Dr Alain Carpentier is a surgeon of international renown who would

for transplant or for bypass. The Russians might well prefer England, where a transplant would be admirably done at Harefield, Middiesex, or Fulbourn, in Cambridge. The choice for a

well-done bypass is much

Back Pain?

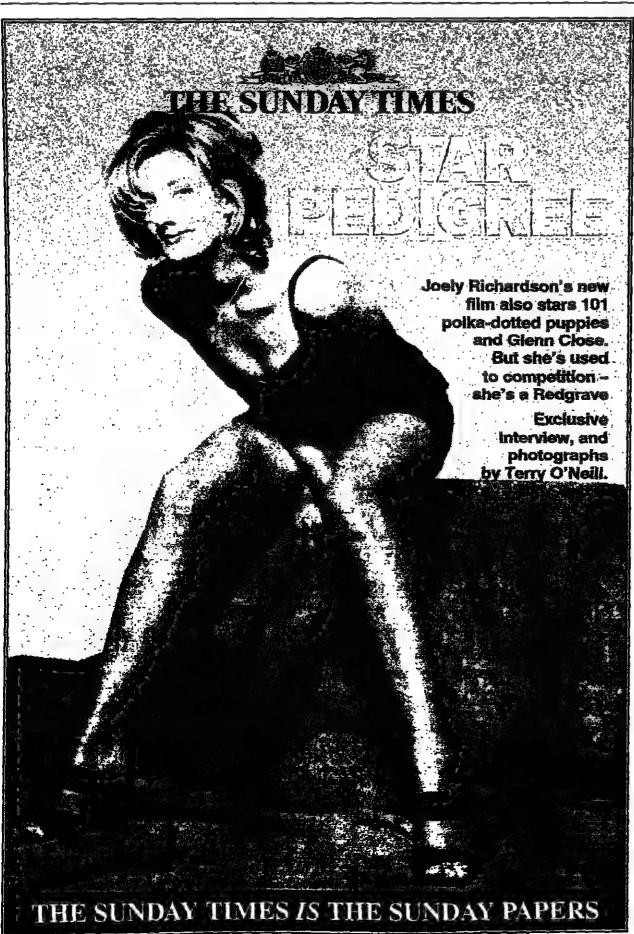
utation and many surgeons from whom to choose. Most local doctors have their favourites, and "the Johns" - Mr John Parker at St George's and Mr John Rice at the Royal London — have an international reputation. Mr Stephen Edmondson and Mr Gareth Rees at Bart's are just as well known, but many others are equally competent.

more open, and they are now safely done at many centres.

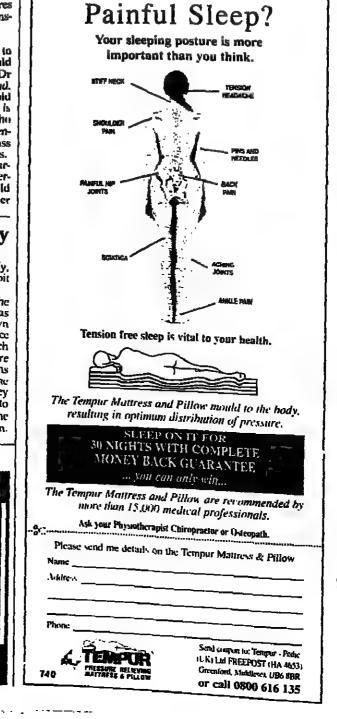
London still has a great rep-

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If the President, like Mr Brezhnev, wanted a pace-maker, Dr Tony Rickards of the Royal Brompton Hospital would fit one expertly and could be relied on not to turn it off by remote control, even if the West lost their love for Mr. Yeltsin's ebullience.



be a first-class choice either The hidden danger of eating celery AS A parliamentary candidate in the Isle of Ely, only one aspect of the Fen haspitality was a bit of a trial: celery accompanied every meal. The stems have no calorific value, and the only advantage of eating them seemed to be as a source of fibre. Recent research has shown that celery fruit, not the stems, is a rich source of various antioxidants, flavonoids, which could well be of value in preventing heart disease, but which are also capable of causing severe allergic reactions. Celery stems also contain psoralens, which are particularly concentrated if the stem has become brown through damage or disease, when they should not be eaten. Psoralens increase the skin's sensitivity to light, and as a result strong sunlight, or light used for the medical treatment of psoriasis, can cause a severe skin reaction. **HOUSE INSURANCE** Hill House Hammond



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An unfestive season in Edinburgh

Comedians abound but the locals are not amused, says Joseph Connolly

s Edinburgh getting tired of the Festival? Some people are, that's or sure. At the weekend, the whole of the Royal Mile (the steep rise to the Castle, kneedeep in Fringe performers and assorted lunatics) was closed to traffic for three days for a street party to

celebrate this 50th Festival. All very jolly, but the pub owners were up in arms because temporary bars were being set up; and the city's 1.030 official cabbies have just about had enough. "What with 500 black cabs too many," moaned one, "the one-way systems, and tourists who are determined to walk because the city is so pretty, I sometimes feel 1'll drive down to Leith and not stop until I hit the sea." The T-shirts bearing the logan Festivaled Out are

Piping hot Jimmy McRae

no indication; there is

another gaining currency

which reads "Get Out of My

And maybe one or two of

the fully rigged lone pipers the lurk sweltering on street corners might be slightly feeling it, but

they've got the routine down

to a fine art: huge inhalation

of breath, pump the bag-

pipes like the bellows, blow,

squeeze, tap the foot, go

purple and kick the dog

intent on urinating over

it's a shame that Agatha

Christie never wrote a mys-

tery called Murder On The

Mile — such a crime would

Amid all the blood-spat-

tered ghouls and witches

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killing took place, all the

a round of applause and a

promise of a contract from a dodgy London agent.

Most people are up on the

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pig's troner," confided one lady from Baltimore, "because you just know exactly where it's been.") Most enjoy sampling the beers and, of course, the

whiskies, but although good pubs do exist, such as the Bow Bar in Victoria Street. many tourists find themselves in some ersatz hole which is often, rather bizarrely. Irish (or, I should say, "Oirish"). There is a huge rash of these - Brannigans. Finnegans, Milligans and the like with so-so Guinness and the sort of hejaysus leprachaun music that Americans assume to be traditionally Scottish - another reason why they wander about in a state of confusion.

As for the comedy shows. these really have to work at getting audiences, and more

so now that the reviews have begun to kick in. One critic rated one performer more acceptable than the other, "just as emphysema is preferable to fullblown cancer", You've got to laugh, haven't you? The comics with sufficient backing to command posters all want to resemble retards. They wear

"funny" clothes, they contort their limbs in a "funny" way and twist their faces into "funny" expressions; well - you haven't got to laugh, have you?

If the act runs only to flyers they have to be ho-ho (in the know) parodies pastiches or, for all I know. homages. Old Penguin covers, Sex Pistol albums and, ho-hum, Reservoir Dogs seem favourites, but the Fab Four and even the city's home grown Trainspotting are right up there too.

ting, late one night in hotel, one hack was disclaiming loudly that he at a loss as to what all this Edinburgh drug addiction business was all about he had been here nearly a week, and had witnessed no perpetrator would receive is instance whatever of substance abuse. Then, to great hilarity, his chair keeled over and he lay contentedly where he fell.

Mile for the food and drink, Finally, a word about the name of the city. The English say (more or less) or else the Fringe comedy shows, of which there seem to be no more than three hillion. The grub is either Edinbra, Americans go for Edinborrow, older locals tourist "fayre" (aimed at tend to go for Aidinburra, those who queue to undergo while the younger set plump some dreadful "experience" for the rather snappy Emra or other) or else can be really - with much rolling of the R's and, when explaining it quite adventurous ("I canall to tourists, the eyes. not abide the thought of

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A book at beachtime: "You want to be able to tear the pages away as you read, so that the book isn't too heavy when you lie on your back and hold it up to shade your eyes"

Books to match bikinis

rst stop was two bottles of Ambre Solaire, factor 10 for the first few days, and a nice big one of factor 4 for when she was past burning. After trying on 48 pairs of sunglasses she opted for the pink wrap-arounds with the free silver leatherette pouch, and another ten minutes went into the choice of a cheap sarong.

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Then they called her plane for the last time. "Damn!" she cried, "I haven't got a thing to read," and dived into WH Smith. She was out again in less time than it took to pluck three volumes off a shelf. And with that Janine Clyde, a 32year-old account planner in a London advertising agency, had mapped out the literary direction of the next two weeks of her life.

This is Heathrow, early August — where W H Smith sells more than a million books a year - and where people who do not otherwise look particularly bookish (backwards baseball caps, baggy shorts, shell suits, fake tan) descend on the 19, yes nineteen WH Smith shops, and carry on like a cross between Umberto Eco and the Ruby Wax of the Vauxhall adverts: bibliomania and shopaholicism in ugly fusion.

But this may be just the tonic the book trade is looking for. For with sales in gradual decline since 1993, sliding from an annual retail of £1,713 million three years ago to £1,658 million last year, and no perk-up so far this year, trade hopes have been pinned on August holiday sales. An impossibly fat man in a

purple T-shirt is shovelling dozens of books into a basket, which all seem to be part of a series entitled W.W.III. The one he is reading on his way to the till is subtitled World in Flames. Why these, particularly? "I've read all the books about the Second World War." he explains. He also carries. under a sweaty armpit. The Cult at the End of the World. "It's about. Aum, the ones who nerve-gassed the Tokyo subway. They are the world's first scientific death cult. Did you know that their leader. Shoko Asahara, predicts that a final battle will destroy civilisation and usher in a new kingdom?" Turning back to Ms Clyde, 1

examined her selection: "It's just such a coincidence," she said, brandishing Chances and Hollywood Kids, both by Jackie Collins. "I've read them before, but they seem to have just come out in lovely new

Giles Coren goes under cover at Heathrow airport to find out what the great British public is taking to read on holiday

bright coloured editions, and these two, in lime green and pink, exactly match the bikinis The Secret Life of a Student Love. "You always seem to get bought. This other book is just about The X-Files - 1 more of the anonymous books didn't know there were books. in airport outlets than in the but I love the telly series." high street, don't you?" But there is more to the

than mere porn and frippery.

There are now dozens of shelves of literary fiction, biog-raphy, business books, history and poetry — which is said to

readers, in The Times feature.

what it is, they just love it."

That is to say that two of

Heathrow's most popular books this summer are a

thriller by a team that is

merely using a famous name

as a brand, and a non-fiction

title that is little more than a

out copies of Andy McNab's

Immediate Action and Wilbur

Smith's The Seventh Scroll

like so many ripe raspberries.

And the series of Sharpe

novels, which gave rise to the

Sean Bean television series,

had a queue in front of it so

long that it looked like a check-

One man whose choice of

reading I challenged told me:

"I have always been a fan, ever

since Kane and Abel. This

Scorpion Trail looks a great read ... "The fact that this was

a novel by one Geoffrey Archer, seemed to bother him not

And yet more disrespect for

the literary niceties was dis-

played by Carol Townsend,

and her daughters Catherine

and Claudia: "We're only buy-

ing one copy of The Man Who

Made Husbands Jealous,"

Mrs Townsend confided,

"because what we do is tear it

into three equal chunks and

then pass it round. It doesn't

matter where you start, but we

Men in suits were plucking

defence of dimness.

in desk.

be very popular.

Wait a minute. This woman was carrying a copy of The Times under her arm. Had she perhaps missed the July 6 edition, when the Weekend books pages, among a selection of celebrity recommendations for summer reading, published Lord Annan's supplication: "Why not take Dickens' Bleak House or Our

to read the new biography of Thomas Cramner, and rethink their attitude to Henry VIII's favourite religious HEATHROW toady, it was Michael Crich-BESTSELLERS ton's Lost World, the sequel to Jurassic Park, which was sold 1. The Fourth Estate out. "Went almost as soon as it Jeffrey Archer

2. Next of Kin Joanne came in." says Gloria, who works in one of Terminal I's Trollops
3. From Potters Field airside outlets. "Then there is this thing by Tom Clancy's Op Patricia Cornwell Centre, Games of State, and something called Emotional Intelligence - I don't know

4. The Horse Whisperer Nicholas Evans 5. Moor's Last Sigh Selman Rushdie 6. Takeover Stephen Frey

7. Notes from a Small Island Bill Bryson B. A Place Called Freedom Ken Follet Crichton

10. Forbidden Places

Penny Vincenzi Source WH Smith

Mutual Friend? Going to Greece? What about the Pimlico paperback of Byron's Selected Letters and Journals?" "Actually 1 did see it," Ms Clyde insisted. "But 1'm not

going to Greece, and I always think those beach reading ideas are for a different sort of person. You want to be able to tear the pages away as you read, so that the book isn't too heavy when you lie on your back and hold it up to shade your eyes from the sun. I wouldn't do that to Dickens."

Someone who was going to Greece was a City bond dealer in Bermuda shorts and a Panama hat called Edward Streets, Byron? Don't be silly," he laughed. "I've just bought The Gun Seller by Hugh Laurie. Bloody funny. And a couple of these, too . . .* he whispered, sliding them into my line of vision from beneath the more respectable hardback. They were The are always so desperate to

Erotic Quest of Dirk and Honey and Wild Abandon read it that no one can wait for someone else to finish it.

"We did the same thing with Polo last year, and with Rivals. It is usually the person who starts at the end, then reads the middle and finishes at the beginning who has the modern airport bookshop

You see, there are two kinds of holiday book buyer," said an elderly man, whose opinion I had not courted, but who had seen what I was up to, and introduced himself as Meredith, a retired surveyor

from Virginia Water, Surrey.

He carried a copy of Peter

Public and Private Life of John Milton and explained his theory. "There are those," he said, "who look forward all year to the two weeks when they will have time to read the books which require peace and quiet to appreciate, books they have been meaning to read for ages. And there are the rest, who take books on holiday because there are no televisions on the beach."

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The fall of the house of Macallan-Glenlivet is a case of complacency in the boardroom, writes Magnus Linklater

This is a sad and shabby tale about the demise of a once splendidly independent company; and while it may merit little more than a shrug of the shoulders on the Stock Exchange, the outcome has been so devastating for one small community, and the manner in which it happened has been so brutal, that it is worth examining in detail. In some ways, the story bears all the hallmarks of the cut-throat takeover bonanza which characterised the 1980s, but it also raises important questions about those things which companies are meant to care about these days: quality, skills, and the nurturing of excellence.

The name of Macallan-Glenlivet was synonymous with all of those. One of the last independent distilleries in Scotland, it manufactured a whisky which traded on a reputation for being the finest in the world. Its folksy advertising slo-gan, "The Macalian — the Malt", was usually to be found in upmarket magazines, and its glamor-ous profile was regularly enhanced

The Malt — the takeover

by its chairman, Allan Shiach, who spent most of his time in Hollywood, where he is a top screenwriter, but who regularly proclaimed that his roots lay in the little village of Craigellachie in Morayshire. where his family had been manufacturing whisky for 200 years. That all came to an end with

stunning speed in July. Highland Distilleries, the giant whisky con-glomerate, moved in on Macallan, and, with the backing of Suntory. the Japanese drinks manufacturer. bought up the company in a £180 million hostile takeover. What struck some observers as odd was not the bid itself, which many had seen coming since January, when Highland acquired a a 20 per cent stake in Macallan from Remy Martin, but the price it paid. Highland actually undervalued the shares by about 18 per cent, offering 152.5p

"an unprecedented and highly unsatisfactory situation", but they had no choice but to accept. Highland. in concert with Suntary, owned 51 per cent of the shares. They were thus in a position to vote their own people onto the Macallan board if the bid was resisted.

On July 10, the company surren-dered and told its shareholders that it had no alternative but to accept. The share price fell back to 160p. The Takeover Panel, which was consulted about the deal, saw nothing to complain about - there is apparently no reason why anyone should not offer below the market price for a company, and although it found the bid "interesting", there was "nothing to concern regulator". Market analysts

themselves with a version

of their post-war history which emphasises revolution and discontinuity. From the ashes of defeat in 1945 came the Butler era; 1964 was

followed by the Heath reforms; and 1974 by the Thatcher revolution.

This reading of events makes a period in opposition seem almost

welcome as an opportunity for the

The post-war history of the party

has been dominated by recollec-tions of the era 1945-51. In the able

and distinguished hands of Lords

Blake, Butler and Gilmour, that

period has taken on mythic impor-

tance. It was the vernal equinox of

progressive Toryism, when, under

the guidance of Butler and Macmil-

ian, policy was reformulated and

the Conservatives came to terms

with the post-war consensus. This paved the way for the long ascendancy of 1951-64. The moral of this

was clear, and lest anyone should miss it, Lord Blake was able to give

it a historical resonance: if the

Conservatives did not follow the Peelite path of adaptation and

judicious reform they would perish

What was praiseworthy to

Heathites became, of course, a

source of condemnation to That-

cherites, and Andrew Roberts has

called the Churchill administration

the least recognisably Conservative

writing of the history of the

Conservative Party became itself a

weapon in a contemporary political

struggle. As Heath's former

speechwriter Michael Wolff noted

of the Thatcherites, "They want to

wipe out the past." Part of this

involved a reworking of the history of the period after 1964. Before we

are seduced by partisan myth-making into seeing the party's post-

war history as a series of

revolutions, it might be as well to

note that what is most significant

about the periods of opposition is

their continuity with the past.
The caesura between the Chur-

chill era and the one preceding it has been exaggerated. Churchill

was naturally happy to let it be thought that he had nothing to do

with the previous management,

and given the destruction of the

reputations of Baldwin and Cham-

berlain after 1940, the rest of the

party was only too eager to follow suit. But through the fog of old political battles, it is the continuities

between the Churchill and Baldwin

Baldwin had been a "one nation" Tory, devoted to restoring social harmony after the utrest that fol-

lowed the First World War. His

rhetoric of national unity had been

accompanied by a vigorous pro-gramme of social reforms from Neville Chamberlain at the Minis-

try of Health. Diehards from the

Right, such as Churchill, regarded Baldwin as a semi-socialist, and

eras which shine forth.

recent history. As so often, the

in the last ditch.

phoenix to rise again.

even though the Macallan share price on the eve of the bid was 187p.

The Macallan board described it as the predicted operating profit to 1997 of £9 million on a turnover of £24 million suggested that it was, in Stock Exchange parlance, quite "plump", but Distillers and Suntory combined would improve distribution, bring increased mar-keting expertise, and "streamline"

the company.

Distillers lost no time in doing that. Of 67 jobs at the distillery. 26 are to be dispensed with, including 14 of the production team and three of the "nosers" who help to main-tain the distinctive quality of a Macallan malt. The four directors and four non-executive directors are leaving, and for the remainder of the workforce there is the prospect of a pay cut as hours are reduced. The effect on a tiny community, where some workers distillery, has been shattering. Margaret Ewing, the SNP MP for Moray, who has taken up the case, says that the results of the takeover are "the cruellest I have ever witnessed". Morale at the distillery is, not surprisingly, "low". Highland Distillers, and its chief

executive, Brian Ivory, say they regret the redundancies but maintain that the deal will be "good for Speyside". That remains to be seen. Distilleries are not like soap factories. The long and delicate process of producing a fine malt whisky can be achieved only through the skill and experience of its workers - the stillmen, the mashmen, the nosers - who nurture the spirit from pot still to bottle. Ironically, Macallan had made great play of its long tradi-tions and the dedication of its

have spent their lives at the workforce. It was an attitude summed up by the writer Neil Gunn, who said: To be the makers of something that is the finest of its kind in the world should inspire a good wage as well as a feeling of honour and trust."

None of those qualities is much in evidence on Speyside at the moment. But that is a matter for Highland. To allow the Macallan to lose its character would be commercial suicide, and Highland knows that as well as anyone. More questionable is the role of the former directors in not doing more to protect Macallan-Glenlivet from a hostile bid that should have been predicted. None of them has notably suffered. Allan Shiach managed to sell 500,000 of his shares in the months before the takeover at prices ranging from El.60 to El.91, and managing director Willie Phil-

lips and marketing director Hugh Miscalic also disposed of parcels of shares. There is of course no suggestion that they knew anything about the impending takeover, and they are as dismayed as anyone about the outcome. But they will all manage to keep the wolf from the door once they have negotiated their severance terms.

They will leave, however, with a sense of failure. These days there is no room for complacent management, however excellent the prod-uct. A chairman who thinks he can run a whisky firm from another continent, and a board which simply does not detect the fragi-tity of its own company are lat ing in their responsibilites towards the workforce. Wringing hands after the event is no substitute for foresight in advance of it. It is a lesson we all thought that British management had learnt in the Thatcher era.

As for me, I don't think I'll ever be able to savour the peaty taste of a Macallan malt in quite the same

Peter Riddell asks if Maurice

Saatchi has time for the Lords

Do working peers work?

orking peer is a classic English oxymoron, rath-er like public school. The term disguises more than it reveals. Being a peer is not supposed to be a full-time job, and is not paid as such. All peers have the same rights and duties. The difference between the 14 new "working" peers announced yesterday and the others is expectation. "Working" peers, nominated by the party eaders, are supposed to be the lobby fodder of the Lords, voting and occasionally speaking at their parties' call. But it does not always turn out like that. Some of the best known "working" peers have been the poorest attenders in the Lords, while others with many other interests, such as Jeffrey Archer, are among the most assiduous.

There are several ways into the House of Lords. The most common - still accounting for more than two-thirds of the current roll of nearly 1.200 - is to inherit a title. Of the rest, there are 26 bishops, by right and seniority, and 20 Law Lords. That leaves nearly 400 life peers who hold their titles just for their lifetimes. A handful are and Birthday Honours lists, including retiring archbishops, Cabinet Secretaries and Chiefs of the Defence Staff, plus the occasional academic. After each election, there is always a dissolution list in which a couple of dozen former MPs become peers. There is now an expectation that former Cabinet ministers are at least offered a peerage, though there are a few exceptions, as well as those such as Michael Foot and Bruce Millan who do not want to become peers. Departing prime ministers always have a resignation list, most notori-ously the "lavender" list from Harold Wilson in 1976.

"Working" peers are different only because they are asked to say they will be active. This is an infor mal promise, since there cannot be a formal, enforceable undertaking, and once ennobled, peers can do what they want unless they are jailed. The lists have included party worthies and distinguished outsiders, including big donors to both parties. A striking result has been to bring in talented professional women, many in their forties or fifties, who have been able to devote more time to the Lords than men of the same age. Elizabeth Symons, the trade unionist, is only the latest in a line of Labour life peeresses -Tessa Blackstone. Patricia Hollis, Margaret Jay and Helene Hayman (a rare former MP) - who are brighter than many women Labour members of the Commons.

These lists of "working" peers, usually announced every 12 to 18 months, are a by-product of the invention of life peerages in 1958 by Harold Macmillan. This innovation led to a revival of a previously moribund chamber. Attendance rose and there were more contested votes. Harold Wilson boosted the low number of Labour peers. accounting for half the new life creations in the 1960s and 1970s.

The balance shifted under Mar-

garet Thatcher. She ensured that a majority of new life peers were Tories. Faced with a growing number of revolts in the Lords from the mid-1980s, she nominated several prominent ideological and financial backers to ensure that the Thatcherite case was heard. But this did not work out: some of the new peers, like Lady Thatcher herself. did not really take to the Lords, or were so busy outside that they were not frequent attenders. Among Thatcher creations in various forms, the late Lord White of Hull, Lord Weinstock, Lord Quinton (the don), and Lord King of Wartnaby (of British Airways fame), were or are more notable for their activities beyond the Lords than within. A rare exception is Lord Jakobovits, the former Chief Rabbi, Lady Thatcher's favourite cleric.

The large number of new Tory creations has reinforced the inherent Conservative bias in the Lords. After all, the Tories can always refresh themselves through new hereditary peers, but Labour relies on a steady flow of life peers as elderly ones die. The average age of the Labour peers is over 70, and the party reckons it needs more than 60 new peers just to get back to its relative position of 1979, even if there are no new Tory creations.

The latest list, for once, had eight Labour and Liberal Democrat creations, and just six Tory peers. But like the previous ones since 1979, its primary purpose is to keep the Tory

whips happy.

The real issue raised by the elevation of Maurice Saarchi and Peter Gummer is not about their advice on the Tories' poster campaign: that is familiar partisan knockabout, and previous party figures, such as Alistair McAlpine, have also been ennobled. Rather, it is whether they will have the time to be assiduous in the Lords. Will the summons of Lord Strathelyde, the Tory chief whip, really take priority over the call of clients, including Central Office? Or are they being rewarded, while there is time before the election, for past and present services to the party?

The myth of the phoenix onservatives believe in continuity and evolution, yet they have saddled

Concluding our series, John Charmley argues that Conservatives do not need defeat to achieve renewal



many left happier with Chamberlain's more confrontational style.

The young men whom Baldwin had brought on included Butler, Eden and Macmillan, who vigorously supported the Beveridge Report of 1942, and the White Paper of 1944 which called for a commitment to full employment. They had no particular problems with Labour's insurance-based National Health Service, or even with their statist pattern of nationalisation. The policies they advocated after 1945 were those they had favoured before. What the election defeat did was speed up the process of getting rid of some of the older Conservative MPs and replacing them at byelections and then two general elections with more young men of the Baldwinite vintage. In its appearement of the trade unions. its social policy, and its acceptance of the post-war consensus, Churchill's Tory party was that of the young Baldwinians grown

middle-aged. Those who wanted to emphasise the radical nature of Thatcherism looked back to the period before her rise as one in which the "wets" failed either to operate the failing post-war consensus or to provide a replacement. Ted Heath became a symbol of a failed liberal Conservativism. This was an image which

THE TORIES IN OPPOSITION

satisfied both the Thatcherites, who could emphasise that there was no alternative, and Heath, who could claim that he was it. But as with 1945-51, we must cut through the rich undergrowth of mythology spawned by historically minded

Fories at war with each other. The years 1964 to 1979 were almost the unhappiest the Tories have known this century. They lacked the bleakness of the unrelieved period of opposition between 1905 and 1915, but they included the trauma of the Heath Government. During this period. Harold Wilson's claim that Labour was the "natural party of government" seemed almost true. It is no wonder that Conservatives have not yet

come to terms with this period. When they do re-examine it, they will perceive, once more, that there were more elements of continuity than contemporary protagonists were prepared to concede. Even before the election defeat of 1964. Macmillan, and following him

filling a long-standing commit-

ment on the golf course, accompanying her best friend's mother.

Mariorie Bentley, towards a handican card. Mrs Bentley is \$3 and a

Douglas-Home, had inaugurated wide-ranging reviews of policy. It may have looked as though the abrasive and thrusting Heath, having pushed aside Home, was modernising the party, but much of what was done then derived from the work of his predecessors - and it had an effect on his successor.

It was during the Heath years that the free-market ideas propounded by Enoch Powell and by Raion Harris and Arthur Seldon of the Institute for Economic Affairs began to enter the mainstream of party thinking. Heath was a more radical figure than either he or his cnemies will now admit. The Thatcherites would like to pretend that the revolution began with their heroine, and Heath would like to peddle a version of his 1970-74 Government which plays down the extent to which he failed to implement the proto-Thatcherite policies that had appeared in his manifesto. These things are understandable and are part of the internecine warfare of the 1980s, but they are

myths all the same. The ideas adumbrated at the Selsdon Park conference in 1970 show the extent to which "Selsdon Man" was the ancestor of "Grantham Woman". As Peter Walker revealingly commented in the early and dark days of the first Thatcher

Government: "We tried all that stuff and it just didn't do." Yet it was in the Heath years that the party moved towards "rolling back the frontiers of the State", abolish-ing incomes policies, dealing firmly with the union and ending state

subsidies for industry.

The bitterness of the conflict between Heath and Thatcher owed not a little to the fact that she succeeded where he had not. Heath's failure persuaded his followers that a return to the old consensus Toryism was the only game in town, hence their contempt and scorn for Thatcher - and her reciprocal scorn when she triumphed. However, the only unique thing about Thatcherism as it developed after 1975 was the lady herself. The ideas upon which she drew were mainly those of "Selsdon Man", strengthened by the obvious failure of Labour's pathetic attempts to resuscitate the post-war consensus. It is right to talk of "Thatcherism", because what was new about it was not its ideological underpinnings, but the intestinal fortitude and political courage of its eponymous heroine.

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The Conservative Party faces a perennial dilemma. It exists to conserve, yet the grass withereth and the flower fadeth, so simply standing still is never an option if power is to be retained. The Conservatives have dealt with this not through a series of ideological revolutions or ohoenix-like rebirths, but rather through the deployment of pragmatism. If ideas and policies to fail or become unpopular, there are always others to hand to fill the vacuum. It is easier for this process to take place in the relative obscurity of apposition, but it has also taken place when the party has been in power, sometimes, as recent events demonstrate, uncomfortably. There is no discontinuity here, but rather a process by which ideas and policies which have been advancing move to centre stage.

The lessons for the future if we abandon the myth of the phoet: are twofold: in the first place it is not necessary to go into opposition for the party to renew itself: nor is it desirable that there should be some revolutionary blood-letting after defeat. If the pattern repeats itself, the ideas and policies which will dominate the future of the party are already present. If this is correct, then to dump Mr Major after an election defeat and so precipitate a clash and between Left and Right in the party is undesirable, selfindulgent and unnecessary.

The Conservatives have been in power for greater part of the past live decades, spurning the lesson that one learns more from failure than from success: they would be wise to continue to decline that expensive educational exercise.

The author's History of Conservative Politics 1900-1996 will be published next month by Macmillan.

Rather carless

Croisette in Cannes in his gleaming Ferrari this week had his car confiscated when a routine check by French police found it was stolen. Prince Abdullah Al Homod Al Fahd, a relation of the Saudi Arabian ruler King Fahd, had flown the car over from the United Arab Emirates at a cost of £4.000 especially for his sojourn in the South of France.

Ensconced in the air-conditioned comfort of its leather seats on Tuesday, he was admiring the beachwear on the seafront when he was abruptly pulled over and his car checked.

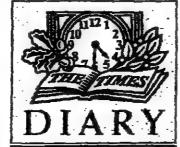
He protested his innocence and managed to prove that he had bought the four-seater, worth more than £150,000, in good faith from a dealer in the United Arab Emirates. The gendarmes shrugged, pointed out that the car had been reported stolen in Milan in April.

and promptly impounded it. Unused as he was to such treatment, the Prince, a model of cooperation, was forced to lope off on foot. He looked lost until he stumbled into a fancy car showroom, where he picked a model belitting a Saudi royalty - and rented

● Down at the reconstructed Globe Theatre, Mark Rylance, the artistic director, was asked by an American journalist what was meant by the inscription painted over a prominent picture of Hercules: "Harmonia mundi concordia discors." Rylance confessed pathet-



Have you seen my CS spray, dear?



ically to ignorance. For his information, the line is from Horace and roughly translates as "The harmony of the world is a discordant concord."

What price?

THE TRUE TEST of the Queen's mettle with regard to the bothersome paparazzi will come next Wednesday when the Prince of Wales is expected to receive his decree absolute.

Royal snappers are planning to descend in droves on Balmoral in the hope of catching a picture of him celebrating with his horsey friend Camilla Parker-Bowles, Rumours are running wild, the latest being that Camilla is to stay at a lodge in the grounds of the estate. Even those who have received

warning letters from Her Majesty are doing their sums. A snap of Charles in Camilla's company is worth £250,000; a picture of the couple kissing, they say will fetch E500.000.

All-rounder

BURIED in the fuss over yesterday's Honours List was the pecrage awarded to Dame Hazel Bylord. golfer, one-time poultry farmer and all-round brick. Dame Hazel is one of those women without whom the Conservatives, and indeed Leicestershire, would crumble like cake. She celebrated yesterday by ful-



demon on the over-8th circuit. Back home, where the cupboards overflow with Byford socks and jumpers from her husband's old family business, the clan was gathering. Dame Hazel's frozen lemon mousse, spoken of in slavering terms around the counties, was on

"My pectage is a tremendous recognition of all voluntary workers," she says, before moving on to more serious matters, "I stand a better chance of making the Lords golf team than the bridge team. I understand the standard of bridge there is very high."

• The Oscar Wilde Society plans to commemorate the centenary of his release from Reading Ganl by inaugurating a munificent annual award. The prize of £10 will be made to the prisoner at Reading who produces the best creative

Fluent footy SPANGLISH is ringing out across

ceptionally perfecto." writing.

THE FAST-BOWLER Ed Giddins, who has just been banned for 18 Barcelona as Bobby Robson, the months by the Test and County former England football manager. Cricker Board after testing posi-



Naughty Ed: snorted at the idea of being last bat at school

nuts the local team through its paces. Since arriving to exach Barcelona, Robson has mixed English. smatterings of Portuguese, which he learned as coach of PC Porto, will testify. with beginner's Spanish and Catalan. "Come on. saltar. jump" he shouts, before an encouraging "Ex-

Key player

tive for cocaine, is not a man to be kept from the game for long — as his teachers at Eastbourne College

In the school 1st XI, he was unce so angry at being put down last to bat that he decided to promote him self up the order. He locked the number five batsman in the loo. and when the third wicket fell he fan out onto the pitch to take his place. He was lorgiven when he scored 92 and won the match for Eastbourne.

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Making a choice

Sir, I usually enjoy Dr Thomas Stutta-

ford's columns but I take issue with

his use (August 15) of a personal anec-

dote from some years ago to illustrate the supposed dangers of home birth.

All the evidence elicited so far shows

that home delivery is a safe option for

women at low risk, ie, those who are

having a first baby and those who

have had a vaginal first delivery.

A doctor would be very unlikely to be present at a home birth nowadays.

as normal birth is not their field of ex-

pertise - they would invariably leave

it to the midwife. If there were any

complications, the woman would be

transferred to the nearest maternity

hospital in order to have treatment

In the UK normal births are con-

ducted by midwives who lead the world in their education and system of

supervision, and who are qualified to

care for women during normal preg-

nancy, normal labour and the normal

puerperium. If any complications oc-

cur the midwife must refer to a doctor.

The doctor she would choose would be

a specialist in the field — an obstetri-

cian - not usually a GP, who may not

have seen normal birth since his days

If a woman books for a hospital

birth there is only one place for her to

have her baby — hospital. If a woman

books for a home birth she has two

choices — she may have her baby at

home, or she may have her baby in

hospital, either because it is more

painful than she imagined and she

would like an epidural, or because the

labour is lasting too long and she

transfers to have her labour speeded

up, or because complications are dev-

eloping and hospital transfer seems a wise choice.

CAROLINE FLINT, President.

15 Mansfield Street. W1.

From Dr Rona Campbell

The Royal College of Midwives,

from the obstetric team.

as a medical student.

Yours sincerely

on childbirth

From the President of the Royal College of Midwives



ACTION FOR A CHILD

The nation's values do not safeguard the nation's innocents

The unfolding horror in Charleroi, like the murder of Daniel Handley and the crimes of Fred and Rosemary West, catch the heart and still the tongue. There is an unspeakable quality about their depravity that causes so many of us, instinctively, to turn away. What shield is reason, what value argument when Infronted with killing children for pleasure, behaviour lower than beasts?

Yet an attempt at understanding must be made, as a path not to forgiveness but to action. Doctors, police and politicians have a duty to investigate every way of preventing the recurrence of behaviour which, by its nature, holds criminals in its grip. There are steps to take which, while they cannot end the vilest of crimes, might make them less likely. Public policy must be reformed: more than that, public attitudes must be reviewed. The nation's values insuficiently safeguard the nation's innocents.

Paedophilia is of a different order from most other criminal offences, not just in its capacity to shock but in the pathology of its perpetrators. Most criminal activity, especially violent crime, is committed by young males. With age comes, if not emitence, then at least a moving away from the habits of youth. Prison plays a valuable part in chastening, in some cases rehabilitating and, at worst, simply confining most criminals while they are a danger. Paedophiles follow a different pattern, closer to that of other addicts and little moved by social pressure or moral constraint.

Paedophile behaviour is obsessive and compulsive. Shallow immersion in the crime, through child pornography or indecent exposure to minors, can feed a desire to go further into more intense, and inevitably evil, acts. Even those paedophiles who acknowledge and, at times, abhor their own inclination are overwhelmingly likely to continue to offend. Psychological treatment can help but it is far from being a panacea. Paedophiles can use the time when they are treated in custody as an opportunity to associate with other sex offenders and form alliances.

Because of the propensity of paedophiles to repeat and magnify their offences, there is amood case for Michael Howard's plan to establish a national register of convicted paedophiles. Although the National Criminal Intelligence Service already has information on some 4,000 paedophiles, the data held is patchy. A comprehensive list and a legal requirement on the part of any

offender to register their current address would be an improvement. So, also would be the proposal to make it a criminal offence for a convicted paedophile to apply to work with children. Civil libertarians will cavil at the monitoring of offenders after they have paid their debt to society. But most child sex offenders are already in the grip of a condition that severely restricts their free-

Changing British law, however, has only a limited effect on what has become an international problem. Freedom of movement within the EU, the easy and furtive communication of the internet as well as the relaxed sexual mores and lower age of consent in countries such as Holland have taken the problem out of domestic control. The trade in child pornography, which excites and incites, has grown. Much of the material portrays acts that permanently scar. Resources devoted to pursuing those who send this material would lead in due course to those who commit the acts.

The example of Holland, where looser legislation, not least on the age of consent, has attracted paedophiles should alert society to the erosion of barriers between sexual maturity and vulnerable innocence here. The deployment of pre-pubescent images by fashion houses and magazines may seem daringly provocative but it chips at the taboos which protect our children. The same is true of the marketing of the tools of allure, such as make-up, to children and the treatment of sex as a casual yet compulsory part of life by teenage magazines. The commercialisation of children's sexuality demeans us all.

The press has, traditionally, treated paedophile crimes with the utmost restraint. Far from giving lurid attention to detail, journalists have deliberately excised much detail from their reporting of cases. Detail, it is thought, might only interest the prurient and the potential offender. Society's instinctive revulsion is a proper prejudice. It is appropriate, however, to draw attention to the censorship that has marked reporting. The scale and depravity of some reported crimes is more than the public may popularly imagine and could give rise to an even greater clamour for action than currently exists. Charleroi is both exceptional and, in its way typical, of a threat to our most vulnerable. A growing knowledge of the nature of the crimes committed there leaves society with no excuse for inaction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Have the arts conceded their civilising role to science?

Sir. Daniel Johnson's thoughtful criture does me honour (The scientific apocalypse of George Steiner", Au-

My point was not any fatuous proposal as to the close of the Festival, I sought to point out that it is "anniver sary" moments and peaks which should invite a closer look as to both past ideals and future hopes, Too many of the other festivals which now spangle the map have outlived themselves and become routine, or worse, artistically as well as commercially. I ended my remarks by saluting an Edinburgh Festival now "fifty years young".

However, as Johnson notes, the issues are larger. So very few human-ists have had the humbling but often enthralling experience of working and living among top-flight scientists. I have had that privilege, first at the institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, then at Churchill College, Cam-

Can bridges be built across a divide made inevitably wider by the lan-guages of mathematics? To a Thomas Mann or a Musil much of the poetry of science was still available. Perhaps music and architecture are the vital link. Hence the pertinence of the problem to the Edinburgh Festival.

Daniel Johnson invokes the historical-political background to my work in fiction and non-fiction. Rightly so.

I am unable to accept that the condition of the arts, of philosophic argument, of humanistic studies should have emerged unscathed, unexam-ined from the particular bestiality of our age. From the century of the death camps, both Nazi and Stalinist, of the return to torture, of persistent mas-

In these matters, the arts and "hu-

Sir, The timing of Maurice Saatchi's elevation to the peerage (report, Aug-

Even those who broadly support Tory

policies and salute the Government's

achievements consider the "demonic

eyes" campaign (letters, August 17, 21) to have breached all acceptable stan-

Those who are trying to encourage

young people to embrace higher standards of coursesy and considera-tion are demoralised as they see their

efforts undermined in this way. We all

learn by precept and example.
How, therefore, can we impress our

children with the necessity of rational

debate if the great issues of national

policies are to be reduced to personal abuse by the Conservative Party?

What value can we place on attempts

to raise standards in education and

public-service industries when we see

this vituoerative material from the

These are the questions this society

put last week to the Chairman of the

Conservative Party, whose reply is

Potters Lodge, 74a Slough Road, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire.

Bormann's visit

From Mr Milton Shulman

at the war's end.

Sir, In your Diary (August 19) you note that the author, John Ainsworth-

Davis, of a book under the pseud-

onym of Christopher Creighton has

had his story verified by a woman called "Susan Kemp" who actually

took part in the operation which

brought Martin Bormann to England

You say that the executives in Si-

mon and Schuster, the book's publish-

ers, were sceptical about her involve-

ment. 1, too, have met Susan Kemp.

I'm not in the least sceptical about the

fact that she is the "Susan Kemp"

mentioned in Op JB, the book's title,

or that she took part in this daring ex-

pedition along with Ian Fleming and

Ainsworth-Davis. It follows that if she

is who she claims she is then the

events in Op JB, to be published on

To support our faith in this story the

author, myself and others involved in

the book have told Simon and Schus-

ter that we would be prepared to fi-

nance a reward of £20,000 to anyone

providing actual factual evidence that

Bormann was not brought to England

September 2, must be true.

same stable?

Yours truly.

Chairman.

August 21.

G. HANSON,

Polite Society

anxiously awaited.

Saatchi peerage

From the Chairman of

the Polite Society

mane letters" have too often been neutrai or even ornamentally collaborative. The doubts I raise are not "apocahyptic" — a facile word. They are, I be-lieve, frightened common serve.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE STEINER, Churchill College, Cambridge. August 17.

From Mr Keith Walmsley

Sir. Daniel Johnson fails to address the almost total failure of so-called humanising culture to make people kinder, more considerate, more honest. He certainly fails to appreciate the despair that drives so incomparably literate a wordsmith as Steiner to seek salvation even in higher mathematics.

Mr Johnson would have the arts continue their "humanising role". What role? They entertain, they de-light: they do not (without much more) improve. Those who wept at Schubert quartets operated ovens that gassed children. Our massive education budget, funding confetti-like qualifications, fails to inhibit a mass culture all too often characterised by the lout,

Highly cultivated, widely read, usually sensitive "humanised" men can. and often do, behave in a manner wholly vile. We all know this to be true. These are the paradoxes Steiner challenges us to address.

The arts do not civilise. They make people better informed. A gulf yawns between intellectual response and

To teach people to be kind, to teach them that wit must always cohabit with consideration, that worthwhile discrimination must always involve the heart: these things can only be achieved by dedicated and oh so rare example - preferably over wine.

Yours sincerely, KEITH WALMSLEY, Driby St Michael, Driby, Lincolnshire. August 19.

From Professor Thomas Lehner

Sir, Unfortunately, those who have never experienced the heightened emotion and at times sheer poetry of discovery, understanding or solving a natural phenomenon, will not appreciate that science is just as civilising as the arts can be, except that it is based on observable and quantifiable data which is open to experimental verifi-Cation.

The scientific discipline is, however. difficult, with its own language and methodology that are evolving all the time, and few people are prepared to keep abreast of new developments. Indeed, the faster the progress and the greater the depth of understanding in a scientific discipline, the more impen-etrable the technical language be-comes, leaving not only the larty but also scientists in other disciplines perplexed. It is language that separates The Two Cultures of C. P. Snow, yet

the exchange between arts and science

is essential for civilisation to flourish.

The accusation that science is utilitarian, unlike the humanities, is untenable. When Galileo. Copernicus, Newton, Einstein or Darwin postulated their respective theories I doubt if they were concerned with the utility of their findings, but only to offer a rational understanding of the natural order. The fact that some of the findings of basic sciences can be applied to or indeed that a scientific question can be formulated for a utilitarian purpose is the additional strength and not weakness of science.

Scientists ought to be greatly encouraged that a brilliant man, with a lifelong preoccupation with Homer, Sophocles, Tolstoy, Racine, Goethe, Shakespeare, Kierkegaard and Wittgenstein, to mention only some of George Steiner's literary interests. concludes that the culture of science deserves the attention, support and esteem bestowed on the arts.

Yours faithfully THOMAS LEHNER United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, Department of Immunology, London Bridge, SEI. August 20.

From Sir Alan Cottrell, FRS

Sir, Daniel Johnson's attempt to separate science from the arts, into what seems to be a lower category, was answered many years ago by Keats:

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty." Science is simply the disciplined search for truth.

powers, especially the traditional ene-

It is commonly asserted that An-

kara holds the key to a Cyprus settle-

ment, but what will induce Ankara to

vising a solution which affords ade-

quate safeguard to the Turks' national

interest, as they see it. while simultan-

eously affording reassurance for Turkish Cypriots. Only then is it likely

that Ankara will exert pressure on Mr

Denktas to settle the intercommunal

differences, for then this will be in its

For their part the Greek Cypriots

should recognise that, unless they con-

cede an arrangement of this nature,

partition will continue, with the risk

that northern Cyprus will be annexed

the ideal opportunity.

national interest.

Yours faithfully.

FRANCIS HENN

Royal Oak House.

(Chief of Staff, UN Force

in Cyprus, and Commander,

Stoke Trister, Wincanton, Somerset.

British contingent, 1972-74),

Yours faithfully ALAN COTTRELL, 40 Maids Causeway, Cambridge. August 17.

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford's assertion

that "in Britain the safest place for the baby and mother is a well-run hospital labour ward" is not, as he suggests, incontrovertible. An extensive review of research about the risks and benefits of giving birth in different settings. which I published with Alison Macfariane in 1994, concluded that there my. Greece. The Athens-Instigated 1974 coup against Makarios provided was no evidence to support the claim.

Since the first edition of this review was published in 1987 the House of Commons Health Committee and the Expert Maternity Group (set up by the Department of Health to make recommendations on how to improve NHS maternity services) have both acknowledged that there is no simple answer to the question of safety and place of birth. They have recommended that women be given clear, unbias-ed information and allowed to choose

Yours faithfully. RONA CAMPBELL University of Bristol, Department of Social Medicine, Canynge Hail. Whiteladies Road, Bristol. August 15.

where to give birth.

Modern medicine

From Ms Rosemary Martin

Sir, On the same day that Sara Starkey (letter, August 15) launched an attack on medical science and "the vast sums [put] into research charity coffers". Janette Proud appeared on page 6 with her "miracle" premature baby. Sophie, who would not have survived without the help of either.

Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY MARTIN (Mother of Christopher, born October 16, 1988; 1lb 12oz), Pebble Cottage, Greengraves Road, Dundonald, Belfast, August 15.

A move for Sir Walter? From Mr Jed Falby

Sir, Dr Brian Porter was right (letter. August 12; see also letter, August 19). Sir Walter Raleigh stands in Whitehall invisible among Second World War generals. A new location for his

statue should not, however, be in front of the National Gallery. The only suitable and fitting place for Sir Walter is back home where it all began, either at his birthplace of Hayes Barton Farm in East Budleigh. Devon, or honouring the new Raleigh Centre, proposed to open in time for the millennium in Budleigh Salterton.

Yours faithfully. JED FALBY. 96 Granary Lane, Budleigh Salterton, Devon. August 19.

Pain killer

From Mr John Whelan

Sir, In the light of your report today that erotic thoughts can overcome pain, should fans in agony over the memory of England's poor sporting record be counselled to lie back and

Yours faithfully. JOHN WHELAN, 13 The Avenue, Bedford Park. Chiswick, W4. August 21.

From Professor George Steiner

tique of my Edinburgh Festival lec-

I remain unrepentant in my hunch that intellectual energies, imaginative boldness and sheer fun are, currently, more abundant in the sciences than they are in the humanities. Courteous inquiries by colleagues in the sciences render even more embarrassing the casuistic jargon, the pretentious triviality which now dominate so much of literary theory and humanistic studies. What is more byzantine than "post-modernism"?

May I put it summarily?

Turkey and Cyprus

From Brigadier Francis Henn (retd)

Sir, There will be no settlement in Cyprus without recognition that what lies at the heart of the problem, and which has been the island's misfortune throughout recorded history, is its geo-strategic importance, especially to Turkey.

The Turks intervened militarily in 1974 ostensibly to protect the Turkish Cypriot community, and of course the intercommunal dimension is a major ingredient in the problem (leading article, August 16). However, for Turkey there was an overriding consideration, namely to prevent enosis (union with Greece) and the threat to its own security that would follow should the island fall into the hands of Greece.

In the west, Greece's Aegean islands press close, while external instability to east and north render secure access to Turkey's southern Mediterranean ports and airfields vital; these are readily dominated from Cyprus. There is reason to believe that it was (and remains) a long-standing Turk-ish strategic aim to deny the island's

north (at least) to potentially hostile

Alcohol addiction

From Mr Andrew Variev

recovering alcoholic, and one now working in the field of alcohol education and rehabilitation, to applaud your series of features on addiction (August 12, 13, 14).

disease of alcoholism, its presenting features and the most successful methods of treatment: their education is vital. This is a society where consumption of alcohol is actively encouraged and in recent years it has become possible to abuse alcohol at an increasingly early age. The path to addiction has been smoothed for the young by the pernicious trade in alco-

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, ANDREW VARLEY, 72 Southgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. August 15.

From Mr Richard Saxby-Soffe

Sir, It is an excellent idea from Mrs Fiona Lauder (letter, August 20) that men in orchestras should be free to wear cool white jackets. It would be so much more comfortable both for the performer and the viewer. In practice the cost might be prohibitive, so why not settle for uniform white shirts and

R. SAXBY-SOFFE, Longacre, Long Garden Walk, Farnham, Surrey.

Sir, i write as a former headmaster, a

A large section of the medical pro-fession remains ill-informed on the holic lemonades and the like.

Finally, it cannot be stressed too much that alcoholism is a disease af fecting the whole family and that the spouse and children of the alcoholic are equal sufferers in need of help.

Suitably light music

bow ties?

Yours faithfully,

Rabbi Hugo Gryn From Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS

August 19.

Sir. May I add to your excellent obituary of Rabbi Hugo Gryn (August 20) that I was privileged to be at Atlantic College on 9 and 10 August. Though he was evidently deadly sick, he ad-dressed the young students from all over the world.

Speaking with vigour and determination, he stressed the common humanity of us all and warned his audience against fanaticism of all kinds. None of those present will ever forget

Yours faithfully, HERMANN BONDI, Churchill College, Cambridge. August 20.

Postal strike

From Mr Stephen Wainde Sir, Faced with the prospect of another

postal strike tomorrow I bought a fax machine yesterday. I am now able to communicate instantly at considerably less than 26p per letter. This letter is the very first one via my new machine. I look forward to many years of cheap, reliable and instant correspondence.

Royal Mail should take note: my experience cannot be unique. Yours faithfully

STEPHEN WAINDE,

27 Lansdowne Road.

Tonbridge, Kent.

August Žl.

Because of the delays resulting from the postal strikes it would be useful, where possible, if letters intended for publication could be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

LESSON OF GROZNY

Lebed must be allowed his Chechen solution

The accusation by Aleksandr Lebed, the new Kremlin security supremo, that unnamed Kremlin officials forged President Yeltsin's signature on the military decree threatening Grozny with all-out attack has brought Russian politics to a new crisis. It has underlined the fact that the Russian leader is extremely sick, unable to control Kremlin policy during the bloodiest armed uprising inside Russia for 50 years and at the mercy of shadowy aides purporting to act in his name. Mr Yeltsin's second term has barely agun; yet his extended absence has already

paralysed government while the open confrontation between General Lebed and Anatoli Kulikov, the Interior Minister, gives a foretaste of the battle for succession. The Russian military, meanwhile, stands ominously in the wings, resentful, humiliated, ambitious and insubordinate. The immediate crisis is the renewed fighting in Chechenia. The deadly timing of the Chechen fighters' capture of Grozny just

before Mr Yeltsin's inauguration inflicted more than a military and political humiliation on Moscow; it exposed the army's confusion, low morale, duplicity and brutal tactics. Military leaders are now in vengeful mood. They are determined - against all the lessons of past failures - to use Russia's weaponry and air power to bomb the Chechens into surrender. They have sabotaged ceasefires, ignored promises of safe passage for the hapless refugees and made a mockery of General Lebed's exploratory

peace talks with Chechen leaders. Russia's Army has learnt nothing from history, and little even from the past two years of conflict. The Chechens cannot be subdued by mass bombing. Even if Grozny is reduced to rubble like Dresden - and this is the kind of slaughter envisaged by local commanders — the Chechens will resist. The raw, young, homesick Russian recruits on the ground have no stomach for a fight and no longer believe that they can win. The continuing determination of their commanders to send them to squalid deaths

could well lead to mutiny. General Lebed sees this clearly. He has real experience of warfare, having commanded the Russian forces in Moldavia and successfully extricated them from a brief civil war. He knows that the Chechen situation is very different; this conflict now is unwinnable. Having forced the dismissal of Pavel Grachev, the corrupt and hawkish former defence minister, and been given overall responsibility to stanch the Chechen wound, he has lost no time in setting up the framework for real peace talks. Yesterday he began direct talks with rebel leaders. The threat to begin mass bombing - one that was being already implemented before the promised deadline to allow refugees to leave

undermines everything he is trying to do. A long-term political solution can be found; the Chechens may be willing to accept independence in all but name and should be encouraged to accept an accommodation similar to that Moscow has reached with Tatarstan, another Muslim enclave. All it takes is political will in Moscow. That is why Mr Yeltsin's full authority is needed. General Lebed has rightly tried to expose the deception and vaciliation at the top; the West, too, should warn Moscow that further bloodshed is unacceptable.

TWO GENTLEMEN REVIVED

Clouds, critics, Concorde and other troubles of the Globe

Thunder and lightning. Roar of aircraft turning for Heathrow. Enter Chorus: All the world's a flight path, And all the men and women merely shuttles: They have their landing and their taking off, And as is writ upon our wooden O, Concordia discors, that one is Concorde. Welcome Shakespeare to the Globe restored. But why start with your feeblest play of all?

WS: Master of Ceremonies would have it so Because his wife hath had a dreadful dream, And I was always keen on dreaming wives From Calpurnia to her i' the Scottish play. And The Two Gentlemen are not that bad. They have my later theme of young love lost, Folled friends and the first rustic clown.

And the first comic dog upon the stage. And my resourceful heroine Julia Foreshadows Rosalind and Viola. Its finest hour was as a musical

To make itself heard above this constant din

Of aircraft, sirens and pneumatic drills.

By Joseph Papp in 1971.

Chorus: O for a tongue of brass,

WS: Your modern player is a Luvvie wimp. And actores are the opposite of people. Dick Burbage could make the welkin roar. Irving or Wolfit whom they mocked as "Sir" Was clearly audible across the Thames. And even I, poor player as I was. Could roar "I love you" as a nightingale, As gently as twere any sucking dove. Chorus: Now the old player of Antonio Hath broke his leg before the opening night, And not as players cry to "break a leg". To wish each other luck, poor silly gulls, But literally, in thy first balcony scene. WS: In my time, this phrase to break a leg Meant bear a bastard, another stock theme. But cease thy carping, cankered critic, crow. As forfeit thou shalt pay for thine own seat, Unheard of penalty for such as thee, To teach thee better manners. For the Globe Restored as when myself did play the Ghost, Will bring new glory to old London town. Children will come for 'A's, tourists for ease, Scholars for research, groundlings for fun, As the great Globe itself comes back to life.

Yours faithfully. MILTON SHULMAN. 5lg Eaton Square, SWI. August 19.

as described in Op JB.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE August 21: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

Birthdays today

Mr Dave Alderson, former Governor, Exeter prison, 63; Miss Mary Allen, secretarygeneral, Arts Council of England, 45; Mr P.H.B. Allsop, publisher, 72: Sir John Banham, chairman, Tarmac, 56: Mr Marc Bohan, fashion designer, 70: Mr Ray Bradbury, author, 76; Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, urban planner, 89: M Henri Cartier-Bresson, photographer, 88: Major-General Earl Cathcart, 77: Sir Richard Catling, former Commissioner of Kenyan Police, 84: Professor Sir Cyril Astley Clarke, geneticist, 89; Professor R.H. Clarke, director. National Radiological Protection Board, 53: Mr A. Coppel, group chief executive, Queens Moat Houses, 46; Mr Steve Davis, snooker player, 39: Judge Anne Downey, 60; Mr Derek Fatchett, MP. 51; Mr Max Hebditch, director, Museum of London, 59; Mr Donald MacLeary, ballet dancer, 59; Sir James Menter, former Principal, Queen Mary College, 75; Mr Alun Michael, MP, 53; the Very Rev William Morris, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland, 71; Sir Leo Pliatzky, civil servant, 77; Mr Boris Schapiro, former world bridge champion, 87; General Norman Schwarzkopi, former Com-mander US Central Command, 62; Mr Karlheinz Stockhausen, composer and conductor, 68: Sir Anthony Tuke, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 76; Mr Mats Wilander, tennis player, 32.

Appointments

Canon Stephen John Oliver,

Team Rector of Leeds City in

the diocese of Ripon to the

Residentiary Canonry at St

Paul's Cathedral vacant on the

elevation of Christopher Hill

to the Suffragan See of

The Rev Mark Ward, Curate.

Hartland Coast Team Minis-

try: to be Vicar, South Molton

The Rev Mark Wigglesworth,

Assistant Curate, Goole: to be

Priest-in-charge, Askern, Don-

The Rev Brian Wilcox, Vicar.

Hornsea w Atwick: now reap-

pointed Rural Dean of North

Holderness (York), for a per-

The Rev Andrew Yates, Rec-

tor, Aylesham w Adisham (Canterbury): to be Priest-in-

charge, Dudley, St Augustine

and Chaplain (part-time) to

the Merry Hill Shopping

Team Ministry (Exeter).

caster (Sheffield).

iod of five years.

Centre (Worcester).

Anniversaries today

lathe. Woolwich, 1771; Edward Pusey, theologian, leader of the Oxford Move-

ment, Pusey, Berkshire, 1800; Samuel Langley, aeronautics pioneer, Roxbury, Massachu-setts, 1834; Claude Debussy,

composer, St Germain-en-

Laye. 1862; Jacques Lipchitz.

sculptor, Druskininkai, Lithuania, 1891; Percy George Her-

bert Fender, Surrey and England cricketer, London,

1892; Dorothy Parker, wit, West End, New Jersey, 1893.

DEATHS: Richard III. reigned 1483-85, killed at the

battle of Bosworth Field, 1485;

George Lyttleton, 1st Baron

Lyttleton, statesman, historian

and poet, Hagley, Worcester-

shire, 1773; Jean-Honore Fra-

gonard, painter, Paris, 1806; Warren Hastings, 1st Gover-nor-General of India, Dayles-

ford. Oxfordshire, 1818;

George Shillibeer, pioneer of

omnibuses, Brighton, 1866; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquess of

Salisbury, Prime Minister 1885-86, 1987-92, 1895-1900 and

1900-02 Hatfield House, Herfordshire, 1903; Michael

Collins, Irish patriot and IRA leader, killed in ambush, Beal-

na-Blath, Cork, 1922; William

Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield.

motor car magnate and phi-lanthropist, Huntercombe, Oxfordshire, 1963; Jomo Ken-

yatta, President of Kenya 1964

The English Civil War began.

United States annexed New

British Telecom launched the

world's first pocketphones to operate within 100 yards of a

Mr John Deacon Riley to be a

full-time chairman of social

security, medical, disability and child support appeal tri-

The Rev Sian Yates, Curate, St

Martin and St Paul, Canter-

bury (Canterbury): to be Priest-in-charge, Dudley, St James, and Education Chap-

lain (part-time), diocese

Canon David Boyes, Priest-in-

Honorary Canon of St

Edmundsbury Cathedral (St

Edmundsbury and Ipswich):

The Rev Hugh Cocksedge,

Chaplain, St Nicolas, Ankara,

Turkey (Europe): to retire

The Rev Michael Cripps,

Chaplain, St Andrew's, Pau,

France (Europe): to retire Nov-

The Rev Kenneth Loraine,

Priest-in-charge, Haynes, and

Stewardship Resources Advis-

er for Bedfordshire (St Al-bans): to retire September 30.

Worcester.

retirements

October 20.

ember 30.

Resignations and

to retire December 1.

public base station, 1989.

Appointment

bunals from August 27.

Church news

78. Mombasa, 1978.

Mexico, 1846.

Secretaries & BIRTHS: Comte Jean de La Pérouse, Pacific explorer, Albi, Administrators France, 1741; Henry Maudslay, inventor of the metal

The following have graduated in the June 1996 examinations of the institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators:

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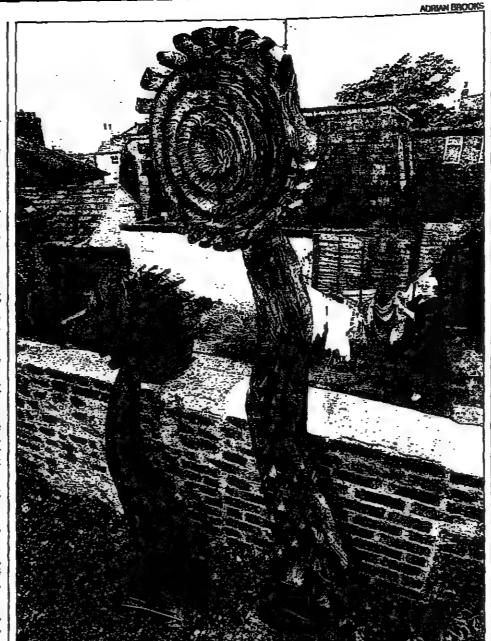
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DEATHS



These sunflower-like trees by the artist Walter Bailey have just appeared over the garden wall of a house in Arundel. West Sussex, where the town's festival opens tomorrow. They form part of a "gallery trail" of artistic works all over Arundel

Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management

CIWEM Diploma 1996 The pass list of the 170 successful candidates for the May diploma examination is as follows:

Highest scoring candidate:

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ray, Paul Naylor. Lisa Osborn. David Ovens, Andrew Page. John Parker, Simon Parker, Jane Parry, Kevin Parsons, Emma Passmore. Vinu Patel, lan Patheyjohns, Juliette Payne, Andrew Peet, Andrew Philp,

to Delvin Church this Thursday evening arriving at 0.30. Practal liam innermoration of 1.30. Practal liam innermoration of 1.30. Practal liam practical in Densegrange Dense Deblie.

RORAM - Anne Agatha, of Grayshott, Surrey. Procedily, at ling Edward VII Hospial, Michiest on August 19th. Much loved wife of John and nother of Juny, Belen and Elimbeth. Present Service at Guildierd Crematorium at 12 nous on Wednesday, August 28th. Please send donarious instead of flowers to the RAD (the Royal Association for Deaf People) or The Cancer Relief Recentilian Fund, c/o Gould and

Cancer Machiel Machilland Fund, c/o Gould and Chapman, Avenue House, Readley Bend, Grayshott, GUZÓ 672. BUTHERFORD - Rita (ude

BUTHERFORD - Ritz (nie Sudor), died pracordity at home on 27st Angust. Ritz never compliated through the sever months of het illness. Denriy loved by Reim, that three daughters Sally, Laty and Wendy and sight sanddatives. Pameni et S. Mirthn, List Rondoy at 11.30 am on Tuesday 27th Angust. This will be followed by crimation at Randalf Park Communication, Lottberhoud at 12.30 pm.
Rita's many friends are welcome.

welcome at Stream attenuate. Family Bowers only but donations in

memorish hay be sent to the Sritish Diabetic Association, 10 Quana Association, 10 Quana Association Wild QBD and with be greatly associated.

zanne Morton, John Mould.

Lee Mountford, Angela Mur-

Neil Pinder, Matthew Pluke, Michael Pointing, Jonathan Ponting, John Poole, Margaret Rae, Paul Roberts, Michael Robins, Julie Robinson, Kay Robinson, Valitha Roos, Helen Rowley.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.A. Cotterell and Miss E.J. Beress

The engagement is announced nerween Archie, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Conerell, I London SWI, and Emily, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Berens, of Bentworth, Hampshire.

Mr W.E.C. England and Miss S.J. Thomas

The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Wing Commander Horace (Mac) England, DFC, RAF (Reid) and england, DPC, KAP (well) and Mrs England, of Whichford, Oxfordshire, and Susannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex Thomas, of Angmering, West

Mr S.A. Exley and Miss J.E.P. Anderson The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Exley, of Greetland, West Yorkshire, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and the late Mrs Philip Anderson, of

Mr T.C. Morris and Senorita P.I. Tena Garria The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of the late Major Anthony Morris and of Mrs Anthony Morris, of Sherrington, Wiltshire, and Patricia, youngest daughter of the late Ambassador Juan Ignacio Tena and of the late Señora Pilar Garcia-Norma, of Madrid.

Mr M.C. Pakenham and Ms S. Ahn

the engagement is announced between Marcus, son of the Rev and Mrs Stephen Pakenham, of Kingsbridge, Devon, and Steph-anie, daughter of the late Mr B.C. Ahn and of Mrs B.G. Ahn, of Seoul, Korea.

Captain N.J. Fenton and Miss N.J. Shepherd-Barron The engagement is announced between Captain Nicholas Fenton. ist The Queen's Dragoon Guards, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fenton, of Boarhunt, Hampshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Shepherd-Barron, of Knodishall, Suffolk.

Mr A.I. Last and Miss S.J. Bartleet The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Professor and Mrs John Last, of Liverpool, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Giles Bartleet. of Romsey, Hampshire.

Mr D.R.J. Reid and Miss S.J. Carr The engagement is announced between Douglas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.I.G. Reid, of Whitchurch, Buckinghamshire. and Samantha, second daughter o Mr and Mrs A.L. Carr. of Alfold, Surrey.

Mr N.W. Wailes-Fairbairn

and Miss K.J. O'Donovan The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Walles-Fairbairn, of Berrington House, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, and Katharine, elder daughter of The O'Donovan and Madam O'Donovan, of Hollybrook House, Skibbereen, Co Cork.

Mr D.J. Whatmore and Miss S.F. Barnard

The engagement is announced between Duncan John, son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Whatmore, of Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, and Susan Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F.A. Barnard, of Edinburgh, currently residing in Kuala Lum-pur, Malaysia.

Marriages

Lord Rodney' and Miss J. Blakeney

The marriage took place on August 20, in London, between George, son of Lady Rodney and the late Lord Rodney, of Kensington, London, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rowan Blakeney, of The Old Rectory,

Gioucestershire. Mr R.H. McL. Corrie and Miss N.J. Lascelle

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 17, at St Mary the Virgin, Bampton, Oxfordshire, of Mr Roderick Corrie, younger son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Corrie, to Miss Nicola Lascelles, daughter of Commander and Mrs Oliver

Lascelles.
The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Emily and Olivia Fairbank, Merlin and Anthea Merton, Georgina Corrie, Claudia Criswell, and Hugo Wilson. Mr Anthony Woodward was best man. The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Ball.

Captain J.O. Heyman and Miss L.J.B. Wise The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 17, 1996, at St Peter's Church, Titchfield, of Captain James Heyman, Royal Welch Fu-siliers, son of Major and Mrs Charles Heyman, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, to Miss Lucy Wise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas

Wise, of Titchfield, Hampshire. The Rev James Mitchell-Innes

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Alice Stewart, Lucy Heyman, Cynthia Scott, Alexan-dra Tweedie and Jack Mead. Mr Marcus Lawler. Royal Welch Fusiliers, was best man. A guard of honour was formed by members of the Pioneer Platoon of the 1st Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is

being spent abroad. Mr M. de L. Walters

and Miss V.H.E. Aldridge The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 17, at the Church St Mary the Vingin, Saffron Wal-den, of Mr Mark de Lancey Walters, elder son of Mr and Mrs Simon Walters, of Dogmersfield, Hampshire, and Miss Victoria Aldridge, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Aldridge, of Little Walden, Essex. The Rev John Ramsay and the Rev Laurie Bond officiated

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Louis and Gabrielle Pouget, Georgina and Elizabeth Bull, Charlotte and Emtly Moseley, and George Hammerton, Mr Barnaby Waiters and

A reception was held at Little Walden and the honeymoon is being spent in the Caribbean.

Latest wills

Lady (George) Lee, of Lindrick Common, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, left estate valued at E1,512,965 net. She left E1,000 each to the RNID and the RNID.

Frank Solari, of Stoke Poges. Buckinghamshire, left estate val-ued at E1.221.371 net. He left £25.000 to each of the following: University Fund of the Guild of Graduates. University of Simmingham, National Trust, Stoke Poges Relief in Need Charity: 175,000 Alpine Club Library: 110,000 to the Royal Institution of Great Britisia.

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CLAY.COOKE-On August 21st, 1996, Plers Fletcher, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.]. Clay of Yarkhill, Herefordshire, to Harvey-lane, only daughter of the late Dr. George W. Cooke CRE, FRS, and Beth Cooke of Harpenden, Hortfordshire.

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BRADEY - Edward Lowencedded pescafelly in Eath on 20th August aged 89, husband of Bertha, father of David, Rugh, Barbara and James, Funeral Service Stiames, South Stoke, Bath, Thursday 29th August 3 per. No flowers pleese. Enquiries (0151) 632.4502.

BROOKMAN - Feter Richard, O.B.E. died August 19th, 1996, formerly B.S. Brookman Ltd., of Rothley, Machine Tool Makers. His Funeral Service is to be held at 12 noon on Thursday, August 29th, 1996, at St Bartholomew's Church, Quern, followed by cremation. Family Rowersonly, donations it desired for the British Heart Foundation or Marie Curie Nurses (cheques psyable to "British Heart Foundation" or "Marie Curie Nurses (Cade Nurses" pleases) clo G. Gomble & Sons (Quorn) Ltd., 101 Morting Street, Guorn, Leics. LE12 SAQ, Tell (G1509) 415415.

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Diapmals - Edith Marion (formerly Beard, ade Milinghurst) aged 57 years, peacefully in Romsey on Monday 19th August Dear wife of Ken, sixter of Mand, who will be safe; missed by all her family. Funeral Service on Thursday 29th August at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only by request.

Douglas, on 20th August at home in Maplederwell, Hants Thanks Though the hoom, Tourday 27th August at the Village Church. A tauch loved grainty to Robert, James, Roste and to Malcolm her son, and Camilla. She enriched our lives.

HOM - Serand Stanley, On 19th August, 1996, In Bournemouth, aged 89, formerly of Wimbledon. Leader of Anthony and felicity (dec'd). Funeral Service Thursday, 29th August, 12 noon at

FRIM - On August 13th 1996, John Michael suddenly at home aged 73 years. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday August 29th at 1 pm.

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GRAY - Bill of Cambridge peacefully in Addembrook's Hospital on Monday August 19th 1996 aged 87 years. Beloved father of Jonathan and much loved grandfather of Chris and Richard. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Hills Road, Cambridge, at 2 pm on Tuesday August 27th followed by private cramation, Family flowers only. If desired, demantions and payable to The Cambridge Arts Theatre Trust may be sent clo Cooperative Funeral Services, 34 James Street, Cambridge.

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MEALEY - Sam of Whitwell, suddenly at home on Monday 19th August myed 62 years. Funeral Service will take place on Theoday 27th August at Exton Parish Church at 230 pm followed by interment in Whitwell Churchyard. Flowers or focustions to The Butturn Diabetic Society or Architist Care through Fords of Oakham, 8 Church Street, Oakham, 9 Church Street, Oakham, 9 Chur

MOLDEN - Pameia on Teenday 20th August, beloved wife of Pater for 49 years and mother of Hugh and Toby-Peneral private. No flowers HOWE - On 19th August,
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LAWSON - Peacefully on August 20th, Susan, widow of Sir William and much bord mother of Peter, David, Clart, Penny, Andrew and Catherine. Funeral at St Thomas of Canterbury Curch, Gaing on Tuesday August 27th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations is how memory to St Hectam's Church, Welcombe.

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PROFESSOR ALBERT NEUBERGER

Albert Neuberger, CBE, FRS, Professor of Chemical Pathology at St Mary's Hospital, London University, 1955-73, died on August 14 aged 88. He was born in Germany on April 15, 1908.

AN OUTSTANDING scientist of enormous intellectual stature, Albert Neuberger dended to overawe students and junior colleagues, a fact of which he was largely un-aware. His incisive thought is evident from the style and

clarity of his scientific papers. He was a polymath, deeply interested in the humanities: law, history and literature. besides science. In this he was more akin to scientists of the 18th than the 20th century. which may be attributable to his family background and liberal education in northern Bavaria.

He was born of Jewish parents in Hassfuri, Franconia, and educated at the University of Würzburg, where he started his preclinical studies before transeferring to Berlin, During his medical training he also studied chemistry and his interest in the subject continued throughout his career.

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He left Germany when Hitler came to power in 1933 and came to England. He joined Professor C. R. flater Sir Charlest Harington, at University College London where Harington and other outstanding people had a great influence on him. At the start of his research career he obtained a Beit Memorial Fellowship which provided some security and independ-

Neuberger always acknowledged his good fortune and he embraced his adopted country wholeheartedly. He responded to it by serving on numerous boards and committees including the Medical Research Council, as well as Prving on editorial boards of scientific journals such as the Biochemical Journal and as managing editor of Biochimica Biophysica Acta.

At the outbreak of war Neuberger was invited to join Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins's department at Cambridge, which was then a world centre of biomedical research. Its many leading figures provided a marvellous

intellectual environment for the start of a cureer in biological chemistry, then a relatively

young science.
When isotopic elements be-came available for research as a result of work on the atomic bomb, Neuberger was one of the first to use isotopically "labelled" precursor com-pounds for the study of metabolic processes whose complexity presented a major challenge. Compounds containing iso-

topes had first to be synthesised tie chemically constructed) for use as precursors in experiments with living cells of whole organisms. It had already been shown that in living tissue constituent proteins were in a state of dynamic metabolic equilibrium, being constantly formed and broken down. Metabolic activity, a property of living tissues, varies in different organs and tissues and during growth, development and senescence. For example, Neuberger showed that structural proteins of the skeleton. laid down outside the cell became, with time, increasingly inert metabolicatly.

The use by Neuberger of isotopically labelled compounds is well illustrated by his work on the formation (biosynthesis) of the red pigment of blood which carries oxygen. It was shown to be a complex process involving a series of sequential steps brought about by specific enzymes. The formation of chlorophyll, whereby plants are enabled to utilise solar energy. is similar. Both biological processes are essential to life and the basic principles were elucidated by the application of chemistry in Neuberger's

Neuberger's interest in biological chemistry covered a wide area, from clinical medicine to the chemistry of proteins, and he became very interested in the structure and properties of glycoproteins. He inspired his students, both the high-flyers and the less gifted, and imparted to them his broad scientific understanding. He had many distinguished students, including Frederick Sanger, the double

Nobel Laureate. After Cambridge, Neuberger's career was spent mainly in London at the National Institute for Medical Research



and then at St Mary's Hospital Medical School as Professur of Chemical Pathology. This was a post he greatly enjoyed as it brought together clinical medicine and biological chemistry.

After his retirement in 1973 he did not give up research but continued for some years in collaboration with young scientists in the Department of Biochemistry at Charing Cross-Westminster Medical School, working on glycoprot-

His influence on British science extended well beyond his own research interests, as he participated in the management of science directly and indirectly. He was a member of the Medical Research Council: the Agricultural Research Council: the Council of Scienti-Latterly he had also served on the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute in fic Policy; the joint ARC/MRC Committee on Food and Nutr-Israel. He was elected FRS in 1951 and appointed CBE in ition; and the Independent Committee on Smoking and Health, among many others.

Neuberger was a remarkable man of many parts. He had an interesting and varied life and was blessed with an exceptionally happy marriage to Lilian Dreyfus, a sculptress who provided him with great but unobtrusive support. He is survived by her and

by their four sons, one of whom, Michael, is a distinguished molecular biologist who was elected FRS in 1993. while another, David, is a QC and Recorder of the Crown Court A daughter predeceased him.

THE DOWAGER COUNTESS OF MAR AND KELLIE

The Dowager Countess of Mar and Kellie, OBE. died on August 9 aged 74. She was born on December 16, 1921.

LADY MAR was born imo a eneration which firmly believed that the enjoyment of a should go hand in hand with a sense of public duty and commitment to the commun-ity. She was a staunch sup-porter of numerous charitable causes, but found her particular vocation in those associated with youth.

Perhaps her most influential position was the presiden-cy in Britain of Unicef - the United Nations Children's Fund - which she held for five years from 1979 to 1984. She played an active role, both in raising funds and public consciousness of the needs of children. She was also chairman of the Scottish Advisory Group for Unicef and in 1979 she chaired the first UN International Year of the Child in Scotland.

With her particular affinity with the young she was able to draw even the shyest and most inarticulate into conversation. As chairman for more than 20 years of the Youth at Risk Advisory Group, an organisation created to tackle the problems of juvenile delinquency, she would meet teenagers of the most underprivileged backgrounds. Listening with unaffected patience, she would often stay up talking with them far into the small hours. She was appointed OBE in 1984.

Born in London into a stalwart military family, Pan-sy Constance Thorne (as she was before her marriage) was brought up during her early years in Twyford, Berkshire. She was the younger daughter of Colonel, later General Sir Andrew, "Bulgy" Thorne who had won the DSO and two bars, and been seven times mentioned in dispatches during the First World War. Her

mother was a daughter of the 2nd Baron Penrhyn.

Pansy spent much of her childhood travelling with her parents, including a journey in the early 1930s to Berlin where her father was posted for three years as military attaché at the British Embassy. She remembered seeing the queues of Jewish people arriving to apply for British

passports. Later, after the outbreak of the Second World War, when



she enlisted as a subaltern in the ATS, she was to recall the blind admiration for Hitler shown by the German domesnic staff at the Embassy and the sad lines of Jewish people awaiting documents to help them to escape the country. It was this which convinced her of the importance of a sound guiding framework in a community, created by its older members for the young.

During the war her father was serving as General Officer Commanding Scotland and Governor of Edinburgh Castle and it was during this period that she met Lord Erskine, an Army officer and the grandson of the 12th Earl of Mar and Kellie, Hereditary Keeper of Stirling Castle. She was to marry him in 1948.

Five years later, on the death of his grandfather, he succeeded to the title of 13th

Earl of Mar, 15th Earl of Kellie. There are two Mar earldoms in Scotland. The earlier one, dating from 1404, is currently held in her own right by the Countess of Mar. who lives in Worcestershire. The peerage into which Pansy married is a later earldom. created by Mary Queen of Scots in 1565 for the oth Lord Erskine, who became guardian of James VI. and the earldom of Kellie which, dating from 1619, passed into the direct line of the family in 1828.

It was after she had taken up residence at the ancestral home at Alloa, Clackmannanshire, that Lady Mar began the voluntary work which was to remain her lifelong commitment. She served her local community as a JP, she was a president of a medical charity and of an organisation set up to help to train women for business careers. But, perhaps more than anything, it was to the needs of young people that she turned her attention.

Lady Mar was, among other posis, a member of the Borsial Visiting Comminee (Scotland), the Yorkhill Children's Trust, the Scottish Cot Death Trust and the Prince's Trust. Her love of children was reflected in her book. published in 1984, Favourite Children's Games From Around the World, the royalties of which she donated to the NSPCC, of which she was at that time chairman.

Although originally Episcopalian. Lady Mar and her husband joined the Church of Scotland of which she was later to become an elder at St Mungo's in Alloa. She was also a member of the lona Community, believing in the value of the Isle of Iona, not only for the beauty of its restored abbey, but for its importance as a place of spiritual refuge and retreat.

The 12th Earl of Mar and Kellie died in 1993, Lady Mar is survived by a daughter and two sons, the elder of whom succeeded to the title.

W. GORDON SMITH

W. Gordon Smith. playwright and television and radio producer died on August 13 aged 67. He was born in Edinburgh on December 13, 1928.

THE death of W. Gordon Smith in the first week of the Edinburgh Festival is a cruel blow. He had chronicled the amany facets of Scottish culture For almost half a century and

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written plays about some of its most colourful characters. For 25 years he was a distinguished producer for BBC Scotland, working both in radio and television.

W. Gordon Smith joined the BBC after National Service in the RAF. He worked first as a radio producer and then, for the last seven years, in television, heading an arts team to produce the programmes Scope and Spectrum. He made more than 80 documentaries, concentrating on Scottish arts and then at Festival time branching out to more international subjects.

In 1980 the BBC cut 69 positions within its Scottish offices, including Smith's. By then aged 52, he had written several very successful plays. trated on writing, exploring Scottish history and culture through books, plays and articles: he had a regular column in Scotland on Sun-

He became Principal of the

Wright-Fleming Institute of

Microbiology in 1958 and was instrumental in bringing to it

from Oxford Rodney Porter.

the Nobel Laureate, whose

work elucidated the structure

of antibodies. He established

the Lister Fellowships from

the financial phoenix of the Lister Institute. These fellow-ships have had an enormous

impact on the careers of young

Neuberger's wise financial ad-

vice was frequently sought.

scientists in Britain, and

His first book. This is My Country (1976), dealt with various aspects of Scotland. It ranged from advising on how to bake traditional bread to recording old playground

His greatest success came in

1972 with his one-man play Jock, starring Russell Hunter as an ordinary Scottish soldier, "cheerful in adversity . . . incurably romantic behind a mask of cynicism ... fiercely independent of mind, tolerant and humane". It was an instant success and extra performances were quickly arranged.

Smith revelled in the show's success. He ran the box office, showed people to their seats and listened through a crack in the door to the audience's every reaction. It became a cult show, striking a chord with many Scots.

Smith wrote several other plays with national themes hander), books (a biography of the artist Robin Philipson) and a series on Scottish painters. The initial "W" stood for

William, but was never used

(except by Billy Connolly, who

when being interviewed by Smith once referred to him as "W" throughout). But retaining it was not mere affectation. Smith was a lifelong and ardent supporter of the Hibernian Football Club. In the 1950s they had one of the great forward lines of Scottish foothall. The outside right was a dazzling player called Gordon Smith, and his greatest fan always used the "W" to ensure there was no confusion.

He was twice married and had two sons and two daughters by his first wife. They and his second wife Jay survive

GEORGE SAMWAYS

George Samways, writer, died on August 8 aged 101. He was born on January 14, 1895.

IT MIGHT appear heretical to some, but it could be argued that Billy Bunter owed his continued existence to writers such as George Samways. During the 1920s the fat schoolboy's creator. Charles Hamilton (better known under his pen-name of Frank Richards), was often abroad. His insouciant approach to life and misplaced faith in the European postal services meant that many weeks saw the lack of a "real" Frank Richards story.

But the survival of the Magnet, where the stories appeared, depended on regular news of Bunter and his friends at Greyfriars. When Hamilton or his copy went astray, it was Samways and his colleagues at Fleetway House, headquarters of Lord Northcliffe's publishing empire, who had to fill the gaps. Hamilton's opinion of these "substitute writers" was vitriolic. But the publishers owned title and copyright to contributors' work, so there was little

he could do but fume. Samways, who wrote more than a hundred stories for the Magnet, was convinced that Frank Richards's writing was easy to emulate, a belief disputed by experts in the field, who can tell at a glance who wrote which Greyfriars story. Nevertheless, Samways was instrumental in introducing to Greyfriars several characters who have stood the test of time - and were used by Frank Richards himself.

George Richmond Samways was born during a blizzard in the Hampshire village of Kingsclere. Brought up by his grandparents, he never truly knew his mother. This left a lasting sadness that he partially assuaged by a firm belief in reincarnation.

He was educated at King Edward VI School, Witley. This he hated until, while fetching the carpentry master's tea, he helped to compose the master's wife.

Samways's life really began the day he received a copy of the first Magnet. (It was



became the leader of an illicit reading club. The Magnet was to remain banned from years as subversive.

Forced to leave school a month after his sixteenth birthday, Samways began work as a clerk, and in his spare time wrote verses about Greyfriars School. As a result, he was invited, in 1914, to work for the Magnet. The Reign of Terror was the first of the

paper. Employed as a subeditor, he also wrote, almost single-handed, The Grevfriars Herald, a weekly magazine purportedly produced by Harry Wharton and Co in the Remove, as well as many stories for the Gem in which appeared the adventures of Tom Merry and Co. In 1915, Samways joined the

infant Royal Flying Corps. After basic training, he was posted to Adastral House in London. Here, while still finding time to write Greylriars stories, he also wrote and published several volumes of



published on February 15, 1908; he probably received it the following Monday.) Not only did he enjoy the stories, but his popularity grew as he King Edward's for many

Fleetway House, but left in 1921 to become a professional "solutionist" and competition solver. He won many substantial prizes. He served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War, this time stationed in locland. Samways's autobiography. The Road to Greyfriars, was published to celebrate his

war poetry, the most success-

ful of which was Ballads of

After the war he returned to

the Flying Corps.

ninetieth birthday. He remained active and fiercely independent until shortly beresult of a fall, he had to enter a nursing home. His mental capacity and sense of humour remained unimpaired. On his hundredth birthday, he was still able and willing to discuss his life's love of Greyfriars. Samways was married

twice - first, to Helene Logan in 1917. There were many separations, and what he described as their "strange, unregulated partnership" ended with her death in 1958. There was one son and one daughter from this marriage. He later married Olive Field. whom he had first met during many stories he wrote for the an air raid 40 years earlier.

ENGLISH TOBACCO HARVEST

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) FLEET, Aug 19

Farm workers were busy this alternoon in the fields near the little Hampshire village of Church Crookham taking up a harvest which has its counterpart in only one other English county. The crop was tobacco, which has been cultivated with increasing success in recent years in this district. Experiments which have been in progress since 1911, when tobaccogrowing was allowed in England for the first time for more than 250 years. have shown conclusively that the climate and certain soils in the South are favourable to the Hampshire crop is used on its own merits for brands of cigarettes and pipe tubacco which are becoming well known. Hampshire leaf, too, is being rised with satisfactory results as a filler for a British-made cigar. Mr. A.J. Brandon, whose farm I visited today.

has had 20 acres under tobacco this year, and he expects an average yield of disposable dried leaf of 650lb an acre. If the demand should continue to grow, the crop could be increased, and its cultivation and handling would provide employ-ment for a considerable number of workers. Millions of pounds of tobacco are impuried into England every year, and as the English-grown leaf is in any case valuable for blending, and is subject to a duty of only 6s 73 d a lb as compared

ON THIS DAY

August 22, 1927

Commercial tobacto growing in Britain has not had the success its supporters once hoped for, nevertheless, in the Second World War when tobacco from other sources was in short supply, some pipe smokers tried their hand at growing their tobacco plants in greenhouses.

with a duty of & 10d on stripped tobacco from America, the industry is capable of development. The first stage in the cultivation of the crop begins early in March, when the seed is sown in frame beds. About the second week in May the scedlings are transferred to the fields, where they require careful attention. Artificial manure is applied to the extent of about news to the sere, an hoeing is necessary between the planting out and the harvest. When the plants are fully developed. they are stripped of their "topping" of pale pink hissom and all the side shows are removed. The curing then begins. Men this morning proceeded methodically along rows of plants about 4ft, tall, and with a sharp upward slash with small knives

cut the thick, soppy stalks a few inches above the soil. There was sunshine in Hampshire, and under this the leaves of the severed plants had wilted sufficiently by early afternoon for the work of "spearing" to be started. The men took up the plants one by one and with the use of a spearhead strung the crop on thin wooden laths. As the laths were filled they were placed on the framework of a specially designed truck and afterwards taken to the drying sheds.

The tobacco now being cut is of the Samp and Burley varieties, a Turkish type used for cigarenes. This is cured rapidly in chambers heated by steam pipes. Blue Pryor and Golden Queen, which are American types with much larger and broader leaves, are harvested later and are cured in a great drying shed some 250ft long. The laths holding the cut plants are hung from racks in five tiers, and when the shed is filled, fires of oak logs are started in holes dug in the ground. Curing is an important art, and oak logs have been found to give the best results. The process occupies about six weeks, and is followed in

October by the stripping of the leaves from the stalks by girls in a rehandling shed.

The tobocco is then graded, the leaves are made up in bundles, freshly moistened with steam, and packed into drums for removal to bond until they are required by the manufacturers. Tobacco improves by keeping, and last year's crop has still to reach the smoker. When the packing is done excise officials are in attendance, and the weight of leaf in the drums is closely checked.

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Thomson offers Aegean tourists free-drinks deal

THE popular all-inclusive holiday concept is being extended to include local bars and tavernas in two Greek villages. All-inclusive packages mean holidaymakers pay nothing for their entertainment, drinks and meals but until now this has applied only within the hotel or resort complex. The move comes as tourist numbers to Greece and Portugal this summer are

In its latest brochure, out scheme to include local bars and cafes in two villages in Corfu and Crete. Holidaymakers are given a voucher when they book, entitling them to a carafe of wine between two for their evening meal, plus up to 35 free drinks a week each, in the local bars.

The project has, however, been criticised by the antidrink campaigners Alcohol The 35 free drinks limit is more than the Governmentrecommended safe drinking level. Obviously, people like to

let their hair down on holiday,

tertainment and one shopping excursion to Corfu town. For stays at Analypsis — described as a village of 1,000 inhabitants, one bakery and a church — the price includes all the same facilities, as well as unlimited wine and water

but though such levels may

not have a long-term effect on

health, it would be a real

concern if the scheme led to

any kind of anti-social

But for most holiday drink

A seven-night, all-inclusive

ers, the number of free vouch-

holiday at Arilas, on Corfu, costs from £369 and a 14-night

stay at Analypsis, on Crete, costs from £485. The price of

the holiday to Arilas includes

breakfast, snack lunch, dinner

with a carafe of wine per

couple and drinks at a choice

of three tavernas and two

bars, as well as at the hotel

bar, sunbeds, watersports, en-

behaviour."

ers seems modest.

all-inclusive idea. which began in America, is catching on fast with British holidaymakers. Unlike the Americans, who often like to stay in heavily guarded and isolated "resorts". British tourists prefer to become part of the local community. Many have in the past complained that all-inclusive resorts do not give such an opportunity and encourage them to stay within the hotel confines, contributing nothing to the local economy.

Thomson believes that by bringing the local bar-owners into the scheme - paying them in advance for drinks, whether taken or not - the holiday offer will encourage clients to make more of Greek



Riot police break up fighting between Turkish Cypriots and Creek Cypriots at the UN buffer zone in Dherinia

Cyprus 'safe' despite clashes

By MARTIN SYMINGTON

HOLIDAY companies and Cypriot tourism authorities are anxiously playing down suggestions of any risk to tourists, resulting from heightened tensions between the partitioned island's Greek and Turkish sectors.

Last week two young Greek Cypriots were killed in separate incidents when they and other demonstrators breached the UN-patrolled buffer zone, demanding an end to Turkish occupation of northern

Our belief is that these are isolated incidents," says Orestis Rossides, director of the Cyprus Tourist Board in

THE famous coastline of Na-

ples, in places scarred by years

set for a facelift under a new

administration that is trying

to woo tourists back to one of

Italy's most glorious and noto-

already under way in Bagnoli,

dominated by a vast steel works that used to be the

centre of southern Italy's big-

gest industrial complex. It was

closed down four years ago after decades of decline.

helping to push unemploy-

ment in the region to 26.2 per

cent. The industrial years also

left a legacy of pollution that

will take three years to clean

The answer that has been

put forward by enthusiastic city officials is to convert the

Thousands of jobs were lost,

The £900 million project is

London. "Taking into account the advice of our Government, the British Foreign Office and the experience of tour operators, we are able to assure the public that it is quite safe to visit Cyprus."

The Foreign Office is advising British travellers to both northern and southern Cyprus to avoid the UN buffer zone, particularly in the region of Dherinia. It was near here that a youth was shot dead by Turkish soldiers last Wednesday, when he the border and

Big clean up for Naples

By Claudia Parsons

entire 750-acre site into the

city's biggest park, surround-

ed by hotels, restaurants, a

clean beach and a marina. The

Government has given the

project the go ahead, and work

ready cleaned up a short

stretch of sand in the shadow

band of intrepid bathers regu-

larly brave the murky waters.

Officials say that within a decade they will have restored

Bagnoli to its former role as a

holiday village. It lies near the

volcanic area of Pozzuoli, re-

nowned for its healing springs

in use since Roman times.

which Naples is the capital,

saw a 25.3 per cent increase in

foreign visitors in 1994, and a

further rise of 10.6 per cent in 1995. This was largely due to

The Campania region, of

Cicero had a villa there.

Local entrepeneurs have al-

is set to start in September.

Noel Josephides, managing director of Greek-Cyprus spe-cialist Sunvil Holidays and currently in Cyprus himself, says: "Local people are disap-pointed at the barbaric Turkish response to youthful innocence and frustration. But holidaymakers are not being affected in any way."

A spokeswoman for Thomson Holidays says: "We have approximately 12,000 people in Cyprus at any given time. and have had no cancellations at all resulting from these incidents.

the popularity of top attrac-

tions like the Roman city of

Pompeii and the glamorous

But Antonio Bassolino, the

new mayor of Naples, aims to

lure these tourists into the city

itself. He has already won

public favour by clearing traf-

fic-clogged streets and reno-

squares that had been in a

The Bagnoli project and a

continuing drive to restore

historic buildings in the city

centre may just succeed in putting Naples back on the

Assuming, of course, that traditional bureaucracy

doesn't swamp the current

mood of efficiency and opti-

mism. Bureaucracy has stifled

efficiency in the past, but

Signor Bassolino seems deter-

mined to break new ground.

Grand Tour itinerary.

state of decay for decades.

Northern Cyprus is served

A spokesman for one of

all our clients informed of developments via notice boards, are advising them to avoid the buffer zone, and we have cancelled excursions to

by a few specialist tour operators and receives far fewer visitors than the south, all of whom have to fly via mainland Turkey.

these, echoed the assurances of his Greek counterparts. Our business hasn't been affected by this. We have had a couple of inquiries from clients about safety, but no cancellations," he says.

Picasso goes on show in Denmark

BY RICHARD DUCE

DENMARK'S Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, outside Copenhagen, is bringing together an impressive collection of Picasso's art for an exhibition entitled Picasso and the Mediterranean, which lasts until January. The exhibition is bound to

be an attraction for art lovers in the UK. A museum spokeswoman says: "It's something special, probably the biggest exhibition of his works. The insurance bill will be huge." The last time the museum staged a Picasso exhibition, a vandal slashed a painting. causing a one million kroner (£100,000) repair bill.

spersed with Iberian, pre-Roman and Greek art.

Picasso's art will be inter-

Chaos leads to airline rethink

AN AIRLINE whose passengers had to spend hours at Gatwick airport after long delays is to lease a standby jet to prevent a repeat of the chaos that affected hundreds of holidaymakers this week. Caledonian Airways, part of Inspirations, has been badly affected throughout the summer by a series of delays caused by a combination of weather, maintenance and technical problems.

Earnonn Mullaney, the chairman of Caledonian Airways, said yesterday: "We have to sort this problem out, There are several reasons for the delays, all of which we are tackling as quickly as we can. Our key decision, however, is to ensure that a plane is available on standby at all times."

Caledonian and its partner, Goldcrest, were hit by delays that have thrown their schedules into chaos several times. This reached a peak last weekend when one of Caledon (ian's five Tristars had to be taken out of service, another was diverted to Athens when the pilot reported vibration, one could not land because of fog at Gatwick and crews ran out of permitted hours.

The problems resulted in hundreds of passengers being stranded at Gatwick for up to 24 hours and some having to sleep on the terminal floor. One group of angry passengers even refused to get off a Tristar for more than two hours after it landed from Malaga, telling staff that because you have delayed us, we will delay you".

Now the airline has leased a Belgian-registered DC10, to be kept on standby throughout the coming Bank Holiday weekend, likely to be one of the busiest of the summer. For the winter season, it will then lease a Tristar which, together with two crews, will be kept on permanent standby at an estimated cost of £2.5 million a

Some of the delays have been caused by minor problems on the ageing Tristars, which British Airways engineers have been unable to repair immediately. The planes can carry up to 393 passengers and are therefore cheaper per head to operate prone to

IN THE TIMES ON SATURDAY

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Watering holes: Greece packages include bars and tavernas Greece and Algarve feel pinch

blaming taxes in Greece for driving away visitors, and Portugal is blaming its decline on a general economic malaise in Europe, *Harvey Elliott*

A leading tour operator claims that the "indifferent" thorities has led to a 24 per cent slump in the number of UK visitors this summer.

Jerry Muller, the head of Flying Colours Leisure Group, which owns Sunset Holidays and Club 18-30, says

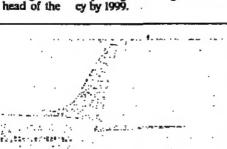
that a decision by the Greeks to wipe £3 off the £15 passenger tax imposed on foreign visitors was "too little, too late".

He adds: "The entire tax should be withdrawn and money should be invested without delay, particularly in improving the disgraceful airthroughout the Greek is-

In the Algarve, foreign tourists numbers are down by 8.6 per cent on the same period a year ago, according to Eliderico Viegas, head of the

Algarve Association of Hotels and Tourism Businesses. The number of British visitors, the main source of revenue, has dropped by 10 to 15 per cent.

The region's many golf courses and long sandy beaches have been responsible for bringing in 60 per cent of ceipts. But Mr Viegas says that tourists are spending less as the escudo has been been strengthened by the Government to meet economic targets for joining a EU single curren-



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Fares set to rise on long-distance flights

AIRLINES are considering raising long-distance fares considerably following a Prices on the busy UK to

America routes have already risen by 10 per cent in the year ending June 30, according to American Express.

But airlines are still reporting full flights and believe the market could have withstood greater fare increases, says Mike Gooley, the chairman of Trailfinders, a ticket agent.

"You can't find a seat to America at the moment," he says. "Carriers are saying they could have charged another 10 per cent and still have been

"I believe fares will rise on long-haul routes. The good times are over in terms of late. cheap tickets and there is a considerable shortage of seats

to any destination. The airlines have had a long lean time and have come out of it having learnt a lesson: not to buy too many

"Prices will go up and will do so rapidly. But it won't hurt the market. South Africa has really got going and the Far East continues to grow. And Australia, although it has become a bit stagmant, will come back," he says. Long-haul travel is the buzz

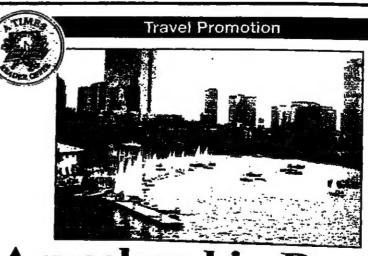
area of travel at present. Research by Lunn Poly shows the sector accounts for 16 per cent of summer holidays, up 10 per cent from last year.



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We must end these delays

nce again there are angry scenes at Gat-wick as hundreds of holidaymakers are delayed for hours on end.

The industry had, it seemed, largely overcome the horrors of the 1980s when delays and congested airports were as much part of the British summer as cricket and ast road traffic jams.

But it became clear this week that there is still much to be done, especially by the smaller charter airlines. Worst affected this year has been the Inspirations Group, and its subsidiaries Caledonian and Goldcrest. There are valid reasons for the delays. But passengers must be pre-pared to shoulder some of the responsibility.

Tour operators are partially to blame for demanding everlower prices for their airline seats. Airlines in turn have to look for ever-bigger aircraft because it is cheaper to carry 393 passengers in one plane than to carry 200 in each of

This inevitably means leas-💂 20-year-old Trisiars that need a great deal of maintenance

Caledonian's maintenance is being carried out at Gatwick by British Airways. which is both expanding its operations at the airport and reorganising its engineering

department. BA's rapid expansion at Gatwick - 900 scheduled flights a week this summer compared with 700 last - has not been matched by an increase in the number of maintenance engineers. So

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the ten "third party" customer airlines who rely on BA to ensure that their aircraft are ready on time fear that they are not being given the atten-tion they should.

Caledonian has persuaded BA to provide a dedicated team of full-time engineers to work on its Tristars. It should help. But the real answer is, surely, to stop flying Tristars. Not because they are unsafe but because they do cause these problems.

A few years ago when charter airlines operated mainly Boeing 737 jets with well under 200 seats, they were always able to rent a back-up in the event of a technical problem. Now there is no such "pool" of big, new jets waiting.

🕽 aledonian has decided that the cost of a standby aircraft, even an old one, in case something goes wrong, is worth the money.

Everyone must work together to ensure such delays don't happen again. Passen-gers: try to understand and don't get lost. Tour operators: don't make unrealistic demands on the airlines. Air-lines: ditch the Tristar now. British Airways: accept that on-time maintenance matters, especially to your small air-

Bargains of the week — from luxury breaks in the Caribbean to youth hostels

HOTELS

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HILTON National has launched its winter heritage weekends brochure which includes overnight packages such as a trip to see the Kirov Ballet perform The Nuterucker at the Royal Albert Hall, starting from £103 per person. Details: 01923 434000.

THE Vista Palace Hotel, located on a cliff above Monte Carlo, has a "French Riviera Paradise" package with Leading Hotels of the World until September 30. Priced at £530 per person, it includes three nights' accommodation, two lunches and dinners and a limousine excursion to local villages. Details; 0800 181123.

■ STAY two nights in any weekend until the end of November at the Montcalm Hotel near Marble Arch in central London and receive a free bottle of champagne. Weekend rate is E139.25 for a standard room per night (usual rate is £185). Details: 0171-402 4288.

■ THREE nights for the price of two is on offer to those aged over 55 at the Wateringbury Hotel, near Maidstone in Kent, convenient for Leeds Castle. The price of £160 for two until the end of September includes three nights' accommodation with dinner and upgrade to the best room available. Details: 01622 812632.

■ THE Shepperton Moat House, located in II acres on the banks of the Thames, has a late offer until the end of the month for parents taking children to neighbouring Thorpe Park. Cost per night is £39 for each adult including theme park entry ticket, with children aged 6-15 poying £12 when sharing with their parents. Details: 01932 899988.

MA SIMILAR deal is on offer from Highlife Breaks at Cadbury World in Birmingham until the end of October. Adults pay from E42 per person for half board at the Apollo Hotel including entrance ticket, with children aged 6-15 paying £10 on the basis of one child per adult. Details: 0800 700400.

■ THE Well House at St Keyne in Cornwall has a guided weekend break around Cornish gardens from September 13-15, including the Lost Gardens of Heligan". Price is £255 per person including breakfast, dinner and tours. Details from Heritage Touring: 01305 266440.



Caribbean Connection has discounts on breaks to Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands

CROSS CHANNEL

SALLY Ferries has a special £30 three-day return for a car and up to five people on its Ramsgate-Dunkirk route, valid until the end of September. Details: 0800 456456.

■ TRAVELLERS to Paris or Brussels can nov interchange first-class tickets on British Mid-land flights and the Eurostar rail service through the Channel Tunnel. The flexible ticket can be used on rail outbound and air return. or vice versa, with fares costing £338 to Brussels and £352 to Paris. A free economy Eurostar return is included in the price. Details: 0345

P&O EUROPEAN Ferries has day returns from Dover to Calais available for £19 per car (£10 supplement for Saturdays) and £4 per passenger, valid until the end of August. Details: 0990 980980.

■ BROKERS Ferryshop has £10 day returns including a car, two adults and three children - available on Sally Ferries from Ramsgate to Dunkirk or Ostend. Details: 0990 706050.

FLIGHTS

■ GLOBEPOST is marketing dual travel mode tickets to Paris. A round-trip fare costing roughly £80 would enable you to fly out with Air Inter Europe and return with Eurostar. Details: 0171-587 0303.

■ LAKER is offering two tickets for the price of one between Gatwick and Miami on fares priced over 5499 return. The deal covers selected dates in the autumn and winter. Details: 01293 775555.

■ BRITISH Airways has a £329 seat sale fare to Dubai during October and November. Book by September 4. Details: 0345 222111.

■ AIR UK is awarding double points to loyalty club members booking its new London City to Amsterdam service. Details: 0345 666777.

■ BRITISH Airways and Qantas are market-ing £749 world offer fares from Manchester to destinations in Australia and New Zealand. Book by October 13 for travel during selected periods in the winter. Details: 0345 222111.

HOLIDAYS

CARIBBEAN Connection (01244 341131) has cut £224 from its 14-night package to Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands for departures until September 8. The new price of 52.538 includes water sports facilities. Caribtours (0171-581 3517) has also dropped the price for a 14-night stay by £266 to £1.348 for departures between September 9 to 30.

■ FLIGHTS to II Caribbean islands have been reduced to £589 with BWIA International Airways between September 15 and October 15. Booking by September 4. Details: 0171-745 1100.

■ GET on your bike in The Netherlands. Four nights' full board in Arnhem and Rosmalen, ferry and cycle hire costs £224 for adults and £129 for children with Anglo Dutch Sports. Details: 01S1 289 2808.

■ THE Florida Keys can be explored on a British Airways Holidays fly-drive package for £749 including room-only accommodation. Details: 01293 723111.

TRY your luck at England's answer to the city of lights — the Isle of Wight. Norton Grange Holiday Village is holding a Viva Las Vegas weekend from September 20 for £79. You could even win your money back. Details from Warner Holidays: 01705 492121.

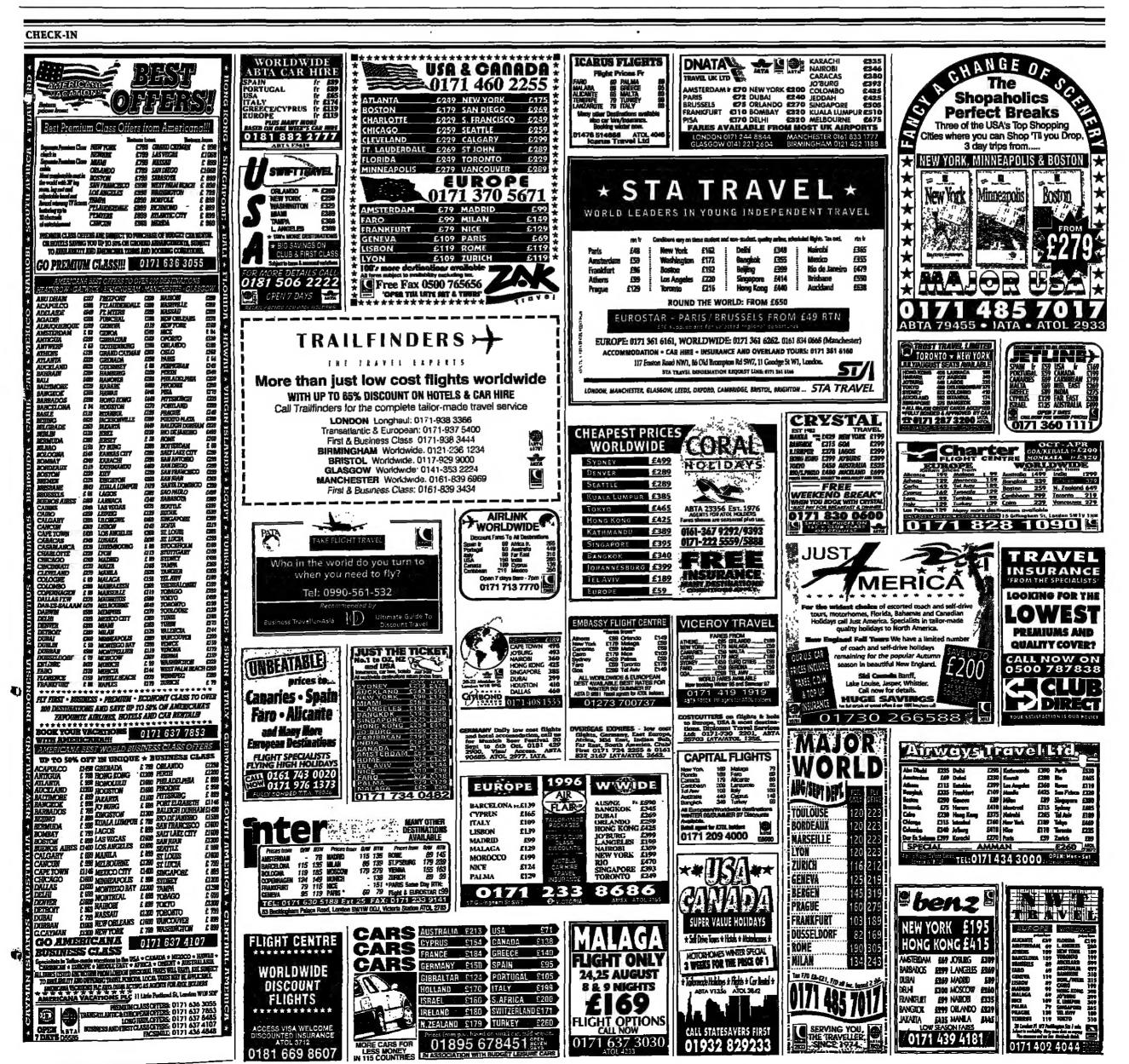
VERDI's Orello is the highlight of an opera holiday in Cyprus costing £491 for flights, tickets for the performance and seven nights' B&B in a four-star hotel in Paphos. Details from Argo Holidays: 0171-331 7070.

BALES Tours has spaces on its nine-day Magic of India tour departing September 27 for E898. The price covers sightseeing tours, including the Taj Mahal. Details: 01306 885991.

THE Youth Hostel Association has an eightday guided walk through Sussex and Hamp shire, with hostel accommodation for £249. Departs September 7. Details: 01629 825850.

Shipwrecks are some of the temptations of a scuba-diving holiday in the Brazilian islands of Fernando de Noronha with Journey Latin America. Prices from £1,384 for eight nights with full board. Details: 0181-747 8315.

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NEWS

De Kierk repents for apartheid

In a powerful gesture of reconciliation, South Africa's last white President publicly repented for the suffering apartheid inflicted on millions over nearly five decades.

"We have gone on our knees before God Almighty to pray for his forgiveness, which in the final analysis is more important than anything else," Mr F.W. de Klerk, the National Party's leader, told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. But he refused to accept any personal blame for human rights abuses committed under white minority rule.......... Pages 1, 11

ID cards will show Union Jack

The Union Jack will appear on the new national identity card to be announced today by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, who has persuaded ministers to end a fierce Cabinet battle over which emblems should be used ...

Shipwreck discovery

Marine archaeologists who have found the wreck of a Cromwellian warship off the Isle of Mull believe it could be as significant as the Mary Rose Pages 1, 4

Schools accused

Schools were accused of abandoning their weakest pupils by failing to enter them for public examinations, despite a seventh successive rise in GCSE pass .Pages L 7

Hostage freed

A British aid worker being held hostage in Chechenia has been released and Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's security chief, and the Chechen rebel chief-of-staff agreed a ceaselire Pages 1, 9

CS spray go-ahead

Police in England and Wales were given the go-ahead to use CS sprays but one chief constable said he would not deploy them because there were still concerns ...Page 2 about safety.

Royal regrets

The Princess of Wales's former media adviser spoke for the first time of her frustrations and difficulties in the job she left abruptlyPage 3 last month ...

Cary Grant's secret

Rival chroniclers of the film star Cary Grant got into an unseemly scrap over the debonair matinee that he had one ...

Cleaner air

Motoring costs will rise over the next decade to meet the costs of cutting pollution, the Government said, outlining a national air quality strategy Page 6

Labs unsafe

Universities are breaking the law by conducting research in laboratories that fail to meet health and salety standards, Save British Science claimed....

Dinosaur danger

Tyrannosaurus Rex had a bite to match its fearsome jaw, according to scientific findings that will help the dinosaur to reclaim an endangered reputation Page 8

Immigration row

The Interior Minister asked France's highest administrative court to review national immigration laws as the Government struggled to end a politically damaging row over an African hunger-strike....

Clinton drama

President Clinton will make probably the longest and most dramatic entrance in convention history when the Democrats meet in Chicago next week Page 12

Paedophile hunt

Belgian police appeared to be floundering as they tried to round up a paedophile network, despite help from a senior British detecidol's guilty secret, agreeing only tive and child-sex analysts as far ... Page 3 away as South Africa Page 13

Science and art vie for attention

The Natural History Museum allowed Earthlings to glimpse a chunk of Martian meteorite, part of the Antarctic batch that led Nasa to say microscopic bacteria may have existed. Magnified a mere 80-fold, it looked like half-burnt coal. Across the street, more appreciative V&A visitors glimpsed the newly acquired 12th-century Becket casket



Traders gathered in Priddy, Somerset, yesterday for the 649th Priddy Fayre at which sheep and horses are sold or exchanged

BUSINESS

Gas: The British Gas pipelines business rejected proposals from the industry regulator that would have cut gas bills next year by an average of £28Page 23

Economy: British retail sales unexpectedly dropped in July, unable to match the bumper shopping spree enjoyed in JunePage 23

West Ham: The Premiership football club will today face a rebellion against its controversial plans to restrict the transfer of shares in the company Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index

fell 11.1 points to close at 3872.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 84.8 to 84.7 after a rise from \$1.5471 to \$1.5508 but a fall from DM2.3043 to .Page 26 DM2.2975...

SPORT

Cricket: There is cause for optimism about a decisive outcome to the Test against Pakistan at the Oval which England need to win to square the series Page 44

Football: With the help of a hattrick by Ally McCoist in the first 17 minutes, Rangers beat Alania Vladikavkaz 7-2 to reach the Champions' League phase of the European Cup..... Page 44 Rugby union: England will play

home and away fixtures against

Australia over the next six years. and probably against New Zea-.....Page 42 Racing: Frankie Dettori, on Russian Snows, was banned for four days for irresponsible riding after barging Whitewater Affair in the

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Yorkshire Oaks...

ARTS

Arnie's back: New films include an all-action Schwarzenegger thriller. Eraser, a genial film about Cuban immigrants. The Perez Family, and a moving tranian epic. Where is my Friend's House? ...

Dence wonder: Mikhail Baryshnikov enhanced his reputation with a superb performance as his White Oak Dance Project company opened its London season at the

Revival success: At his theatre in Scarborough, Alan Ayckbourn has revived one of his early plays, a spoof whodunnit called It Could Be Any One of Us.....Page 33

Rossini revived: The Pesaro Festival in Italy has persuasively staged two Rossini operas not previously seen this century.

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accusations with their

John Rae looks at the

growing challenge of

state schools to the

independent sector

EDUCATION

fourth album, No Code?

POP

Pulp fiction: What books do people buy to read while lazing in the sun? Giles Coren finds out Page 15 in the mood: Edinburgh's Festival draws hordes of visitors, but Joseph Connolly says not all locals

BODY AND MIND

Childbirth after 40: Dr Thomas Stuttaford looks at the problems facing Koo Stark

Drink up: Thomson is offering allinclusive holidays in Corfu and Crete that take in drinks in hotels and hars

breaks in the Caribbean to biking in The Netherlands Page 21

Visionary times: Peter Ackroyd on

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Lawrence in love; John Habgood on faith and fear; Derwent May on updating Augustus John; plus the Gunpowder Plot Pages 34, 35

With an inertia that mirrors the time of the Soviet Union's opaque dictatorship, the West assists pas-

... Barring a radical change of olicy in the very short term, something not infrequent in today's Russia, nothing will prevent the flattening of Grozny - ABC (Madrid)

Preview: Russia's Concorde was in the sky earlier but crashed at the Paris Air Show. Secret History (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Lynne Truss on the moral decline of private behaviour Page 43

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Action for a child

What shield is reason, what value argument when confronted with killing children for plea-sure, behaviour lower that ... Page 17 beasts?...

Lesson of Grozny

The Russian leader is extremely sick, unable to control Kremlin policy during the bloodiest armed uprising inside Russia for 50 years and at the mercy of shadowy aides purporting to act in his

Page 17 name. Two Gentlemen revived All the world's a flight path,

And all the men and women merely shuttles: They have their landing and their

COLUMNS

taking off

PETER RIDDELL Some of the best known "working" peers have been the poorest attenders in the Lords, while others with many other interests, such as Jeffrey Archer, are among the most assiduous....

MAGNUS LINKLATER

The process of producing a fine malt whisky can be achieved only through the skill and experience of its workers. Ironically, Macallan had made great play of its long traditions and the dedication of its workforce..

JOHN BRYANT

There is no great mystery behind the announcement by Linford Christie that he is still hankering to compete at top level next season. He is simply too proud of the shape he is in to sit it out in the stands beside people who can only dream of such fitness....

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Albert Neuberger, Professor of Chemical Pathology, London University, 1955-73; the Dowager Countess of Mar and Kellie; George Samways, writer.. Page 19

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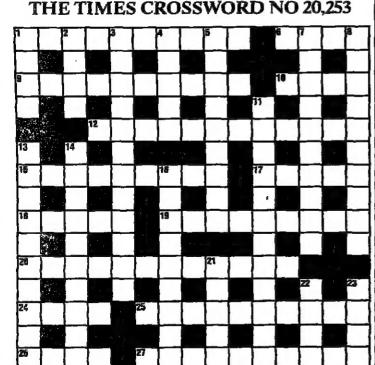
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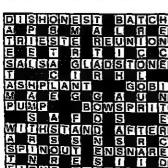
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- 10 Author forgotten before long? (4). 12 Officer is, without restriction, making broad statements (12).
- 15 Getting cross in English class, printed and shouted (9). 17 Applaud revolutionary ruler (5).
- 18 It's best to have cold sheets (5). 19 Second eleven at club used to maintain the creases (5.4).
- target (12). 24 Collection of money brought back this branch line (4).

20 Smash to pieces, exploding inside

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- 25 Tough fabric on part of tricolour. of the highest quality (6,4).
- 26 Succeeded after taking occasional chances (4).
- 27 Knowing about missile, prote may be acting thus (10).
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an inch (10).

- 2 Jazz up this quick movement (4). 3 Party in parliamentary setting getting excited (5-7).
- 5 A scat that rider initially gets into with legs apart (9). 7 In the middle, stretch almost half

4 It's good collecting second prize

- 8 Soup men stir, cooked before lunchtime? (4). 11 Part of Elgar's title - nothing to be omitted from a music concert,
- possibly (12). 13 in work, upset about City rogue with bad little fault (10).
- 14 Bill gets so scared about entry to motorway (6.4). 16 False account from traveller getting nothing right in log (9).
- 22 Dress he discarded, the fool (4). 23 Rage like a cat, heartlessly (4).

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n the West. Becoming windy. Warm in the East, but near normal tem-peratures in the West. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry at first but rain will soon reach Northern Ireland and then spread northeast across all but the far north of Scotland. Becoming breezy.

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FORECAST some heavy. Wind southeasterly turning southwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 22C (72F).

☐ Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: dry at first with bright intervals. Rain, some heavy, spreading from the South West. Wind light, southeasterly, becoming fresh. Max 19C (66F) ☐ Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney: mainly dry but rather dull in the East. Thicker cloud may bring the odd spot of rain during the evening. Wind light, southeasterly, becoming fresh later. Max 16C (61F). Shetland: rain clearing but staying rather dult and misty. Wind south-easterly, moderate. Max 16C (61F). ☐ N Ireland, Cloudy with rain at times, some heavy. Becoming brighter and more showery later. Wind

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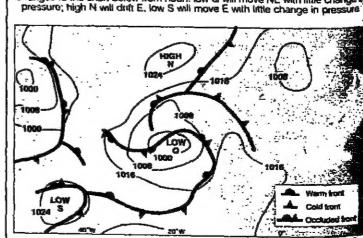
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